

THE GLAD TIDINGS



"Jesus himself drew near, and went with them."—Luke 24: 15

Before me is a future all unknown,
A path untrod;
Beside me is a Friend, well-loved and known.—
That friend is God.
Before me lies a new and unseen way
'Mid shadows dim;
Beside me is my Guide, and day by day
I walk with Him!
—Ruth Thomas in Record of Christian Work.

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A New Year's Message

"And as many as touched Him were made whole."—Mark 6:56.

THE sound of the Christmas bells has died away, but the message of such wondrous Divine love lingers in our hearts. One note of joy thrills us as we think of those, who through our W.M.S., have heard the Gospel story for the first time since the joyous chimes last rang, and it keys us to new endeavor that their number may be much increased in 1926.

1925 brought to our beloved Church upheaval and pain, and hearts were saddened and torn through days of oppression and struggle, and burdens heavy to bear. Once again "the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light." On the threshold of a new year we pause to give grateful thanks for all the way by which He led us. In spite of the shadow of difficulty that cast its gloom on the opening months, the closing ones have revealed a very sunshine miracle of great achievement in re-organization and renewed consecration.

"We touched Him in life's throng and press
And we are whole again."

This marvellous record of work accomplished though untiring effort since June by faithful members from Atlantic to Pacific, will be found on other pages of this magazine, but only the great books of eternity will reveal the full story.

What the New Year may have of sorrow and of joy for each of us, each dawning morrow will reveal.

"With each new day, new cares will wait for thee,
Trials and heart aches; yet do thou not fear,
But take them lovingly."

'Tis thy God who sends them, and He will still lead on. His presence is promised, and joy is assured as we seek to fulfil His command to teach all nations. To the great cries of need from so many parts of the world, our W. M. S. members will respond.

And so in loving, prayerful service, we shall seek to make this New Year one of blessing to others and of joy that shall be eternal.

May each one have a glad and happy New Year.

Mary C. McKerroll.

Editorial

THE WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS, to be observed on February 19th, has become an event in the Christian year to which the women of all denominations, both in the United States and Canada, look forward with eager expectation.

A special programme for the service in Canada has been prepared by the Interim Committee of the Women's Mission Boards of Canada, and will be found on page 17 of this issue. As this year is being devoted to the study of prayer as a force in the missionary enterprise, the programme has been so arranged that the instruction and inspiration formerly furnished through addresses is minimized, and thanksgiving and intercession for great national events are given foremost place.

The condition of the world to-day summons us to prayer with a great compelling voice. If Christians everywhere will unite in an outpouring of their souls to God in fervent believing, intelligent intercession who can estimate the results that will follow in the Church at home and on the mission fields abroad?

CHILDREN ARE GREAT TEACHERS, and the lisping words of a little child have brought us a message we cannot forget. The writer, Mrs. Vanstant, called it "A Large Lesson from a Little Girl". But she little dreamed when she penned the words how large a lesson it was to be or how welcome was the comfort it would bring,

"For heavy is the weight of ill
For every heart
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch."

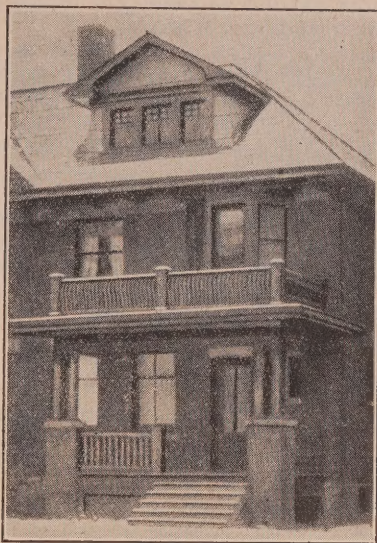
The incident as we read it in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* runs thus:

No one would think for a moment that the model prayer our Master gave us could be improved upon, but last week little Olive, a tot of three and a half years, made a significant change in it. The family were in the midst of morning worship and were praying the Great prayer together when, at the close, the little one who is just learning it, said, "and thine be the Kingdom and the power and the worry, forever. Amen." The lisping little prayer sent a strange thrill through the woman kneeling by the side of the child. Worry! Worry! We do worry even when we are doing the Lord's work and have done our best. We forget that if we have prayed that part of the prayer which goes before, not only with our lips but with our lives, we have a right to leave results with Him. We have a right to say, "Thine be the worry," if there need be any worry at all. Surely the Master is more interested than we can be in this great enterprise of His.

A PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS TRAINING HOME is to be opened on January 5th. This important decision was arrived at by the Assembly's Committee on Deaconess and Missionary Training. A suitable house has been secured, at 648 Huron Street, Toronto. Arrangements have been made for a curriculum of study for the calendar year, and for the necessary teaching staff.

The establishment of this home at this time is justified by the number of appeals that are coming to our W.M.S. for workers in national and overseas missions, and we would lay it upon the hearts of parents and W.M.S. women to place the appeal of the Church before the young people, so that when these calls do come they will fall on the ears of trained and responsive candidates.

Application for admission to the Home should be made to Mr. C. S. Macdonald, Brampton, Ont., who is Convener of the Committee.



PRESBYTERIAN DEACONESS AND MISSIONARY
TRAINING HOME

A PRAYER SERVICE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN was observed throughout Ontario on December 4th. This meeting was held at the suggestion of the General Interests Committee whose duty and desire is to deepen the spiritual life of the members. Mrs. Kannawin of Hamilton, the Convener of the Committee, prepared the programme, taking as her theme "Intercession for an Increasing Realization of the Presence of Christ in the Individual Life, Home Life, Church Life and World's Life."

Writing of the service at Utica, Mrs. Atkinson says, "On December 4th, the Breadalbane W.M.S. of the Utica congregation and the St. John's W.M.S. of Port Perry held a united service of prayer and consecration in the Church at Utica. The programme, arranged by the Provincial Society, was followed, members from each Auxiliary taking part. There was a good attendance and a spirit of earnestness was manifested, and our

prayer was, that we women may be more truly thankful for the call to service through our W.M.S.'"

WE FEEL WE MUST SHARE WITH OUR READERS the beautiful acknowledgement of our grant of \$300, just received from Miss Alice M. Kyle, Convener of the Committee for Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields of the Federated Boards for Foreign Missions for north America.

"I wish I could express to your Board my feeling of joyous gratitude when I returned to-night from a few days out of town and found the cheque for \$300. We lacked just that sum to complete our pledges for 1925, and I had been praying with great longing that it might come soon, so that L could send it on its way. I think we will use part of it for India and part for Japan. Thank you so much."

THE TREASURER WISHES US TO SAY, that the February number of *The Glad Tidings* will contain our Annual Financial Statement and items concerning the 1926 budget, as far as we are able to deal with it at this time. The Treasurer would also urge the Provincial Treasurers to have their reports in as early in the month as possible, as the books close on January 30th, 1926.

For the information of Auxiliary Treasurers we would say that, for this year (1925), it was decided that no Treasurer's forms should be sent out, but that the Treasurer's report should come in the general report. By another year, a form suitable to all will be issued.

THERE WILL BE GENERAL SATISFACTION throughout our W.M.S. at the announcement that *The Glad Tidings*, originally a sixteen page magazine, will, from now on, be thirty-two pages. The Council Executive had no hesitation in authorizing this increase, as it was felt that the smaller paper did not adequately reflect the strength of our Society, and because the large and ever increasing list of paid up subscribers justified the enlargement.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE, that our Field Secretary, Miss Laura K. Pelton, who has rendered such fine service in Ontario, is going West in January in the interests of our W.M.S. She will begin her itinerary in Saskatchewan, and will visit all four provinces before her return. We bespeak for her the prayers of our members as she engages in this important mission.

OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT has two large Bibles suitable for pulpit use. Any congregation or minority group desiring information concerning these should apply to Miss I. S. Pringle, 30 Lowther Ave., Toronto 5.

A Backward Glance and a Long Look Forward

THE ENDING OF THE OLD YEAR and the beginning of the New is always a time for reflection, a time for balancing loss with gain, aspiration with achievement, and, in the case of our W.M.S., of down-tearing with up-building.

In the calendar of time, the great upheaval in our Church, and the consequent breaking up of our Society will ever be written large across the face of the year 1925.

Looking back as we do to-day over the past six months, we gratefully acknowledge God's gracious leading through all these trying days. We would also bow in humble reverence before those who, at such cost, kept the faith, and in the historic hour of their Church's need had "not only the discernment to see and understand, but the passion of sacrifice and the power to do the thing for which the hour called."

Never shall we forget our women as they saw the W.M.S., in whose up-building they all had shared, torn in two, their portion—depleted ranks, an empty treasury and no work. It has been said that, "Emergencies test our mettle and crises show the quality of our faith." The faith of our women was a living vibrant thing, and ere four working months had passed, they had proved their faith by their works, and had reared a building unparalleled by any missionary organization under similar circumstances in the same period of time. To substantiate this statement, we only need to review the work already accomplished.

We begin with the *organization*, which stands in the same relation to our W.M.S. as does a foundation to a house. Lay the foundation deep and firm and the building will stand four-square to every wind that blows. Our foundation stone is the Word of God and prayer. Our commission of service, our Lord's command to His disciples: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark. 16:15, as summarized in the four brief words of our motto: "The World for Christ."

To-day our organization stands complete, with Council and Council Executive, six Provincial Societies, Presbyterials, Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups—all fully officered. Already, the branches number well over eleven hundred, nearly every Presbyterian Church or Minority Group having one or more organization.

Then we have our Field Secretary, Miss Laura K. Pelton. Appointed in September, she first represented our W.M.S. at the Summer Conference at Elgin House, Muskoka. Since then, her time has been devoted to visiting our Societies in Ontario, and, with the opening of the year, she goes to the four Western provinces to engage in extension work there.

Assisting in field service are our three South China missionaries, Miss

Ethel C. Reid, Miss Luella I. Crockett and Miss Agnes I. Dickson. While we commend the work of all three, we would mention especially the fine work of Miss Dickson who has just completed a six weeks' itinerary in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. What this visit has meant in the up-building of our Church and W.M.S., time alone will reveal.

Under what might be termed the practical end of our Society we have, *Supplies, Library work, and Publications.*

Were the Secretary of *Supplies* to speak, she would say, "The people have a mind to work," and forthwith would tell how supplies had poured in from every quarter: equipment and furnishings for our School Home and our South Porcupine Hospital, clothing for "All People's Mission" at Selkirk, for Indian reserves and Jewish work, for the sick in big cities and the lonely stranger, not to mention Christmas gifts galore for an army of little children of every race and shade.

Our *Library Department* has had many calls, and books, Bibles and hymnals, have found their way to groups bereft of their Church, while Sunday School papers and libraries have brought happiness to many boys and girls in struggling Sunday Schools and lonely places.

Our *Publications*, housed in the same building as the headquarters of our Church, has at its head Miss Jessie Parsons, one of the most widely known and best beloved of the Secretaries of the former W.M.S. Board, and still an honored member and Secretary of our Presbyterian Council Executive. In September, our office was opened. To-day it is well-equipped and supplied with such text-books, helps and leaflets, as are necessary for the proper conduct of our work. In addition to this, has been the preparation and publishing of our own literature and the choosing of new Life and Junior membership pins, besides attending to the wants contained in the 1726 letters received to Dec. 15th, also the granting, at the request of Quebec Provincial, of fifty dollars towards publishing literature, in their own language, for French Protestants.

Add to this *The Glad Tidings*, the magazine of our Society. Its publication was authorized on June 12th, and before the second number was out 10,000 paid up subscriptions had been received. The original sixteen pages had to be increased to twenty, then to twenty-four, and now to thirty-two! Our objective for 1926 is 25,000 subscribers. The little seed sown in faith and nurtured in prayer is growing, and gives promise of a rich fruition.

The office staff includes: the Secretary of Publications, the Editor and the Bookkeeper.

National and Overseas Missions are the terms we now use to describe our work at home and abroad.

Under National Work we have in Canada, at the ports of entry, at Montreal, Miss McArthur, and associated with her, at Quebec, during the

season of navigation, Miss Scott, a voluntary helper. Their work is to extend a welcome to all newcomers in the name of the women of the Presbyterian Church, and to assure the British people "that in the Dominion they will still find the Church to which they have been accustomed and which, in very truth, is a bond of Empire."

In Toronto, Miss Mary Murray continues her gentle ministry among the Presbyterians from out of town who are ill in the hospitals, following them with her interest and help when they leave.

Miss Macdonald, long associated with Jewish work still goes in and out among the Jewish mothers in Toronto.

Under us, in Hamilton, is Miss Allan a Deaconess at large.

Our work among the Chinese in Canada was never more earnestly undertaken or richer in results. Years ago Miss Dickson won the love and loyalty of the Chinese women and children in Toronto, and to them she still ministers. Miss Hugill, who also has the language, carries messages of Christian friendliness to the lonely Chinese women in other cities and towns in Ontario. And in Victoria, B.C., Mrs. McQueen is rendering fine service in the Chinese Mission there.

Our W.M.S. has always been seized with the value of Educational Work, and the appeal of the young people of Northern Ontario resulted in the establishment of a School Home at New Liskeard. It has accommodation for twenty boys and girls, and is under the superintendence of Miss McIlwain, whose work for her Church dates back to the time of Lucy Baker.

At South Porcupine, Ont., we are about to open an eight bed hospital. Miss Chambers, formerly of Matheson, is to be Superintendent and will be assisted by two nurses: Miss Tennant and Miss Mary B. Cuddy.

One of the finest pieces of work we have is that carried on by Mrs. MacKenzie at Selkirk, Man., among people of six nationalities.

Our Overseas interests are varied. In Japan, we have made a grant of \$2,000 to Miss Caroline Macdonald, to enable her to carry on a Night School for Factory Girls in Tokyo, an entirely new work. Gwalior, India, which is now a Mission of our Church, has appealed to us for two lady missionaries, and one of these, Miss Irene Stringer of Lansdowne, Ont., has already been appointed.

In addition, we have assumed the salaries of our missionaries who have definitely announced their intention to remain Presbyterian. We are also furthering the publication of Christian Literature by a grant of \$300 and preserving all those links that have bound us to other Mission Boards.

Beginning in January, other work will be taken up to which appointments have already been made, and much more is under consideration.

Of the money, it is not in the province of this article to speak, except

to state that, according to the instructions of the Annual Meeting, each month ten per cent. of the total receipts is set aside for the Sustaining Fund and ten per cent. of the total monthly salaries for a Pension Fund.

What fields the Commission may apportion us we do not know. What new avenues we may be led to enter we cannot tell, but, if what our women have done, in four working months, is an earnest of what they are prepared to do nothing shall us affright.

Our Church is anticipating the future by opening a Missionary and Deaconess Home where our workers may be trained. We are appealing for twenty-five candidates for the foreign fields and an equal number for the homeland to be ready to man the old work that will come to us, and the new to be opened within the next two years.

Our great spiritual asset is our work. It has been given to us by God, and the carrying on of it in His name and for His glory is our task. And we would pray always, that "Our God would count us worthy of this calling and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power."

"Not of our own might can we hope to rise
Above the ruts and failures of the past;
But with His help who did the first earth build,
With hearts courageous we may fairer build this last."

—THE EDITOR

Who Will Dare?

MRS. D. STRACHAN

*Not theirs to question or to hesitate
When once they hear the challenge and the
call,*

*Not theirs the doubting mood that like a pall
Lies on our hearts; they ponder not their fate,
Nor are they wise like us to speculate
Of loss or gain. Like flame upleaping they
Their answer make, and laughing march
away,—*

To new-born worlds their lives are dedicate.

*And we, O God, shall we no longer dare
To follow waving banners of a dream?
Shall we not still their questing spirit share
In high adventure faithful to the gleam?*

*O God of Youth, when Thy far bugles blow,
Gird Thou our sinews and our souls to go!*

—Clyde McGee

THE W.M.S is now in a position to make a very definite appeal to the young women of the Presbyterian Church to come forward and offer themselves for service either at home or overseas.

With amazing quickness new avenues of work have opened up, and we are confronted with the need of recruiting the young womanhood of our Church immediately.

Not only in view of the new work which we have opened, and other fields being offered, but because of the volume of work which will come to us when the Dominion Commission finally divides the mission property, we must have vision, look forward and plan accordingly.

When the W.M.S. receives its share of this property and the work in India, South China, Korea, Honan, Formosa and Canada, it should be ready to fill up each field with its full complement of workers. How can this be done unless from out of our Churches, come trained young women fired with love and devotion to their Master, to offer their lives and their talents to their Church that they may tell the story of Christ's love from sea to sea from the rivers unto the ends of the earth?

It is not enough that young women are considering in their own minds the call of the Church, but the W.M.S. must know how many, that it may lay its plan accordingly. Therefore, we are appealing for *twenty-five* young women who will volunteer for work overseas and will write the Candidate Secretary, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, 66 Woodlawn Ave. W., Toronto, that as they finish their course of training either this year or a year from now, they will be available for W.M.S. work.

What type of work? Nurses, doctors, evangelists, teachers—what variety! healing the sick, leading the blind, teaching the ignorant. Does it not make an appeal to *you*?

It is desirable that all candidates, no matter to what type of work they may be appointed, should have a period of special Bible training. With this in mind, the Assembly's Committee on Deaconess and Missionary Training have taken a furnished house, 648 Huron Street, Toronto, and are opening a Deaconess Home the beginning of the year, where special studies and lectures will be given our candidates by professors, ministers and others. It would be most gratifying to have the term open with a goodly number in attendance. Particulars regarding this may also be obtained from Mrs. D. Inglis Grant. The Council Executive is about to appoint two young women to go as teachers to Gwalior, India, the work of which field has been undertaken by our Presbyterian Church. The Executive also would like at once two nurses for work overseas, who might enter the Deaconess Home for some study.

Gwalior will shortly be asking for other types of workers. Other fields in foreign lands are calling to us. In Canada, we need trained social service workers, deaconesses for work in our large centres, nurses for our outpost hospitals, matrons for our school homes.

It is on you young women of the Presbyterian Church that we must depend. It is in your power either to help us on to a "larger vision and supream task," or to hold us back in a poor effort not worthy of our great Church. Will you help us to lift high "the golden lamp?"

The Cost of Serving Christ

MRS. W. M. KANNAWIN, HAMILTON,

General Interests Secretary, Ontario Provincial

THE General Interests Secretary of a Provincial Society must, of necessity, be a pioneer in her methods, because the office is a new one, growing, possibly, out of the Forward Movement but broadening to include every phase of activity in connection with the work of the W.M.S. within its bounds.

What shall be our policy? Nothing short of a sustained, courageous effort, to keep the spiritual life of our whole membership at flood-tide! *Now* is the time to emphasize the spiritual note. The opportunity presents itself to our Christian women as never before, and it is at the peril of our future progress, if we fail to respond. "A chosen generation," an honored people, indeed, are the members of an organization whose roots have struck deep into the cultured, historic soil of the Presbyterian Church, from which it sprang. In his moderator's address, our beloved Dr. Ephraim Scott, reminded us of the invincible belief of our fathers in the Sovereignty of God and also in the free-will of man. Therefore, with such a bulwark of faith behind us, let us align our wills with His perfect plan and success must follow.

To such a result various factors must contribute, the first of which is *our women themselves*, without whose pulsating life, any organization, however perfect, becomes cold and ineffective. Hence, the great need at the present hour, of conserving and strengthening every band of women, however small, whether in Auxiliary or Minority Group, so that they may realize their vital importance, as an appreciable unit in our far-flung Society. These candle-lights of influence, when multiplied and merged, will send their light far afield.

But, to attain this, we must have *publicity* concerning our waiting fields of missionary effort, "If we read, we know, if we know, we pray, if we pray, we give." The chief medium of dispensing knowledge is our invaluable and excellent *Glad Tidings*, which brings hopeful joy to every reader and is such a factor in creating an intelligent constituency. We trust that its pages will soon be so increased, as to give added inspiration, along with our study books and various avenues of missionary information.

From this, there must follow, on the part of our women, who know the world's need of Christ, a *sacrificial surrender* of life, and gifts, and power to serve. "To have is to owe not to own." Would that we all might study that suggestive book, *Money, the Acid Test*, and gain a vision of the stewardship of life in its entirety! If, instead of putting to ourselves

the question, "How much shall I give of my own to God's work?" we were to say, with heart-searching query, "How little of all that belongs to Him, shall I *dare* keep for myself," our Provincial Treasurer would be overwhelmed with the joyous accounting of our thank-offering and the wonderful outpouring of resources on His altar.

But the victorious accomplishment of our ideal of "Christ for the world," depends fundamentally on *Prayer*—the main-spring of all effective service. Prayer is an intensely practical thing, and accomplishes wonders. It does not presuppose being constantly on one's knees but is maintained communion with our Master. Our active lives may become "homes of silent prayer." It links our feeble efforts with the Divine power and our aim, as a women's organization, with the eternal purposes of God!

In one of his books, George Adam Smith, describes his joyous experience of climbing a steep mountain in the Alps. He secured a competent guide, and they made the ascent, on the sheltered side of the cliff. Toiling on, they came in sight of the towering summit and the guide, in deference, stepped aside to allow the traveler to be the first to gain the objective. Suddenly, Dr. Smith sprang to the peak, exposing himself to the terrific wind. With a tug the experienced guide pulled him to his knees saying, "Down on your knees, man, you are not safe at such a height, except you kneel!"

Privileged members of our Women's Missionary Society, Christian Canadian women redeemed by His precious blood, at this hour of opportunity and on the peak of such blessings as we enjoy to-day, we are only safe upon our knees in prayer.

Our W.M.S., Its Outlook and Uplook

Gleanings from an address by Miss Agnes I. Dickson, on her itinerary in the West, and by Miss Laura K. Pelton, on her visit in the East.

"I HAVE just returned from a lightning trip through Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, where I addressed forty-four meetings in six weeks," said Miss Dickson. Almost all of these were Thank-offering meetings. The offering in Norman Hall, Winnipeg was \$250. Regina had \$100, and it is to be increased.

There is no Presbyterian Church in Regina as yet. One of the finest sites in the city has been given for this purpose, and already \$16,000 has been contributed towards the Church building. Sunday services are held in the City Hall, and the Baptists and Anglicans have permitted the use of their halls for weekly meetings. I heard two interesting things in one place. One was of a member who made her two and a half months' old

daughter a Life Member—a Thank-offering for her baby. Another was the presentation by her family, to a lady of a Life Membership on the twenty-fifth anniversary of her wedding.

In Prince Albert they have a fine W.M.S. and the Y. P. work is splendid. The situation there is most hopeful.

At Lethbridge and Qu'Appelle I spoke on Sunday, and the situation there touched me greatly. In Lethbridge, they met in the Lutheran Chapel, and it was filled to the doors. In Qu'Appelle they met in the Forrester's Hall and even the little platform at the back was crowded with men. They have their W.M.S. and their Mission Band, and are looking forward to building their church.

The meeting planned for Carstairs was cancelled, the result was I was able to meet ten of the sixteen Chinese women in Calgary.

It was a great pleasure in Edmonton to meet Mrs. McQueen. I spoke in First Church at a gathering of eighty-four women, and to the Strathecona group who hold their meetings in a former theatre. Two things impressed me here. The superintendent of the Sunday School came to me and told me how it was growing, and said, "Do you know, every Sunday School teacher will now take part in prayer or in the devotional exercises—every one of them." The Mission Band leader gave her report and she told me afterwards how dissatisfied she was with it, but it was the first time she had done anything of this kind. I thought it was excellent. One woman said, "I have made a great many mistakes, and will likely make a great many more, but here I am, and I will do my best." They are in the work heart and soul, and the work is bound to go forward when actuated by such a spirit.

I had the great privilege of going out to Gonor (Selkirk), where I addressed the Mission Band of thirty to forty girls. There was a Ukrainian President and a Ukrainian girl Secretary. It was wonderful to see the business like way in which they carried on the meeting. At the close, Mrs. MacKenzie suggested that a vote of thanks be offered to me. The President explained that she had never done this before, but she really gave a very beautiful and touching address. They have a Sunday School of about eighty children. I addressed them. One in particular I might mention—a little Ukrainian girl—she was repeating her verse, "I will trust and not be afraid," but instead she said, "I will trust and not be ashamed." Mrs. MacKenzie is doing a wonderful work for the people round about her.

At Norman Hall W.M.S., there were 185 women out. They have a splendid Missionary Society, a growing work, and a church that is going to be a power in Winnipeg.

At Old Kildonan I addressed their W.M.S. at Nesbit Hall, and it was one of the greatest pleasures of the trip. It is very interesting to know

that the three pioneer churches in the three western provinces remained Presbyterian.

As to my impressions. The first thing that struck me was the optimism of the West—people whose churches have been “shot to pieces”, are meeting anywhere and everywhere, and are yet full of hope for the future. Over and over again I was told of new material being brought into the service of the Church. They are finding splendid men and women remaining, and the work is going forward by leaps and bounds because of their coming forward and helping. In Swift Current they are having a meeting in the Baptist Church, and there is a real spiritual revival there. Four men in one congregation whose voices were never heard in prayer before are now taking the Wednesday evening meeting, as they have no minister. One woman kept up the services herself for a whole month.

In Brandon, Regina and Winnipeg there are large groups of people remaining in the Presbyterian Church, and there are going to be strong churches in these places. Brandon has no minister yet, but they are going ahead splendidly. One thing which helped me to see and realize, in a small measure, the meaning of the thing that has happened has been the earnest concern of so many people in the Church, and the sincere desire, that now that the Church is starting anew, they will do their part. There is a new outlook—there are new ideals; some who have been under the stress and strain of holding bazaars and what not—now want to get back to tithing. Above all there is a great and keen concern about the spiritual life of the Church evident everywhere.



“There is nothing more alive in Canada to-day than the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,” is the conclusion Miss Pelton has arrived at after an itinerary throughout two Ontario Presbyterials—Maitland and Orangeville. Her experiences were many and varied, but all through her story ran the same deep note that is revealed in the following:

“It was their Thank-offering and was one of the finest meetings I have attended. The spirit of the whole service was wonderful. There were from eighty to ninety present and I have never seen women who were so devoted and so consecrated to their work, and so alive to its needs as these women were.”

Two things were impressed upon my mind, that not only the women but the men also have awakened to the real ideals and essentials of Presbyterianism and to the urgency of the work of the W.M.S. In almost every place, there seemed to be real consecration and the thought I tried to leave with them was that if the present upheaval does not result in a re-consecration of life and service it will all be in vain.

The Situation in South China and Chinese Work in Canada

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

Extracts from an address given at the Annual Meeting

FIRST, as regards China, there are, at the present time, in South China eight workers under the W.M.S., and of these eight, four, at least, are remaining Presbyterian. Of these four, two are evangelists, the only women evangelists in our South China field. One is an educational worker who has charge of the girls' boarding school, another is a doctor.

I want to say here and now that these four women workers desire most earnestly to serve under the W.M.S. Board of the Presbyterian Church, but they are faced with the possibility of having to give up work that has become their very life, unless they continue under the United Church. If these missionaries have to retire, there are no reserve workers to take their places. The seven men who are missionaries in the South China field are all going into the United Church, but all feel that surely something can be arranged whereby the work will not be hindered. The workers who are remaining Presbyterian have been discussing possible alternatives if the work has to be given up.

Among other openings there is always the opportunity for work in co-operation with missions of other denominations. In Canton, there are several institutions where such work is carried on along medical, Bible school, and educational lines. They are opening a more advanced school for Bible women, and hoping for the opening, through the country, of schools for women who have not sufficient education to enter this higher school. These, of course, are only possibilities. The desire of all those who are remaining Presbyterian workers is, naturally, to serve under their own church.

I learned yesterday from one of the Chinese ministers from Victoria that at the present there are about 600 Chinese women in Canada, 200 of these are in Victoria, 125 in Vancouver, 60 in Toronto, 50 in Montreal, 11 in Hamilton, 10 in Ottawa, and others scattered throughout the Dominion. To work successfully among these women a knowledge of their language is necessary. The two Chinese-speaking, Canadian women workers, are remaining Presbyterian.

I was talking this morning to the Superintendent of Chinese work in the eastern part of Canada, and he said one thing that impressed him was the splendid spirit of the superintendents of the Chinese schools. Workers who are remaining Presbyterian are staying by Chinese schools in churches that have entered the United Church; and workers who have

voted for union, are remaining with the work in churches that are Presbyterian. The Chinese work is inter-denominational, and will always be co-operative.

We should be much in prayer for God's clear and definite guidance for all these workers in these trying days of readjustment.

Suggested Programme For Women's Day of Prayer

FEBRUARY 19, 1926

Opening—

HYMN.—“The Church's One Foundation.”

STATEMENT of character and purpose of the meeting, (not more than three minutes) . . . by the Chairman.

SCRIPTURE READING.—Ps. XCV: 1-7. and St. John XIV: 12-17.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.—Offered by Leader or others.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING (in unison):

“Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.”

PRAYER that God the Holy Spirit may be recognized as the source of all power in the Church.

PRAYER for the Missionary work of the Church. In Canada. In other lands.

HYMN.—“Jesus Shall Reign. . . .”

PRAYER.—The League of Nations and The Peace of Locarno:

Thanksgiving for what has been accomplished in averting war, and establishing righteous peace between nations; for international endeavor to right social evils;

Prayer for the further effectiveness of the League in establishing the principles of Jesus Christ in world relationships.

PRAYER for China.

HYMN.—“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind. . . .”

PRAYER for Homes and Youth of all Nations.

PRAYER for King, Country and Empire.

Closing—

DOXOLOGY.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison).

THE BLESSING (in unison):

“The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.”

For a number of years past the consciousness has been growing in the hearts of Christians that their petitions, their thanksgiving, their worship to and of their God was in the unity of the Spirit,—that in their prayer life was being answered the word of their Master,—that they may all be one, even as we, Father, are one. This connection became so strong with the Christian women across the border from us that they appointed, some years ago, a day when that unity of thought, of aspiration, of consecration and of communion might be fully realized and seen in all women coming together for prayer. That meeting together met a great yearning,—it has brought much blessing.

Six years ago, the women of Canada came together for the first time for the same purpose. Since then, once a year, from sea to sea, and from north to south, in cities, in towns, in villages, in rural districts, the Christian women of Canada, of all races, creeds and nations, have gathered in one common meeting place agreed upon by a representative Local Committee, and on the same day as in the country to the south (on a day appointed for all). From those meetings has gone up to the Throne of grace a volume of united confessions, thanksgiving and petition, the golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. “The hearts of the Lord’s people have been comforted; their spirits quickened. their zeal renewed. Therefore, again this year, on February 19th, the call goes forth to one and all, who are called by His Name to be with one accord in one place and there to see the glory of the Lord as it abode upon Mount Sinai;” to realize the promise of Christ “Lo I am with you alway”; and to tarry until the Spirit of truth shall come “to teach us all things and to bring all things to our remembrance.”

The above programme and statement are issued by the Interim Committee of the Women’s Mission Boards of Canada.

“When thou hast thanked thy God
For every blessing sent,
What time will then remain
For murmurs or lament?”

A Prayer for the New Year

“ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, Thou who hast given us to see the passing of the Old Year and the dawn of the New, we would come to Thee in humility and with thanksgiving. The past has been full of faults and failures, even our own hearts condemn us—but we rejoice that Thy love and mercy are ever awaiting those who come seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord and Saviour. We thank and praise Thee, O God, for all Thy leading and strengthening throughout the difficult days of the year that is gone; for the hearts that have been purified through trial; for the lives ennobled through sacrifice; for the new consecration of Thy people in Thy service. We thank Thee for Thy Church in the world, for all who carry the gospel message, and for the countless blessings that message has brought to those who have heard. We would praise Thee too, our Father, for the sweet memories of loved ones, who have gone to be with Thee. We pray for the abiding of Thy Presence with us throughout the New Year. May Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us and work through us, that we may be fitted to meet the duties of each new day. Give us hearts of love and hands of helpfulness. May we be obedient to the heavenly vision that calls us to the service of our Lord through the needs of His children near and far. Bless us, our Father, and keep us close to Thee throughout the New Year’s untried ways. We ask it in the name and for the sake of Christ our Saviour. Amen.”

Bible Reading

CHRIST’S PRACTICE OF PRAYER

THE earthly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (Luke 3:21), continued in prayer and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34).

The heavenly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (John 14:16), and is now continued in prayer (Heb. 7:25).

“Lord teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).

Prayer was even more important than *teaching* and *healing*, for though “great multitudes came together to *hear* and *be healed*,” He withdrew Himself into the desert and prayed (Luke 5:15, 16).

* Prayer was more important than *rest*, for "in the morning a great while before day He rose up and went out into a desert place and there prayed" (Mark 1:35).

Prayer was more important than *sleep*, for "He went out into the mountain to pray and He continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

Prayer was more important than the *working of miracles*, for instead of working a miracle to deliver Peter He said, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:32).

Prayer was more important in securing workers than either *money* or *machinery*, for He said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest" (Mat. 9:38).

Prayer was more important to be taught than *preaching*, for He taught men to pray but we have no record that He ever taught them to preach (Mat. 6:5-15).

Prayer is as important as His other ministries, for He ever liveth to make intercession for us" (Heb. 7:25).

—F. W. Troy, D.D.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for February

BASED ON STUDY BOOK, "BRAVE ADVENTURERS"

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

—Isa. 12:3.

AFTER signalling to each other, "Happy New Year," the Mission Band boats plow onward through the waters of the wide Pacific, daily nearing the little island of Aniwa in the New Hebrides where the Brave Adventurer, John G. Paton, cast the anchor of *The Day Spring* so many years ago. To that cannibal island he brought the blessing of refreshing water stored away in the depths of the earth, and, better still, the blessing of the well springs of life stored away in the love of the Heavenly Father.

The young adventurers of to-day will naturally be interested in this island where Mr. Paton labored. Like many another of the Pacific islands, it is composed of coral, the work of millions of little builders* who have toiled silently and patiently for centuries, doing their task as appointed by the great Master Builder.

In connection with the islands of the Pacific, the boys and girls must remember still another Brave Adventurer. Like Paton, he too was a boy in Scotland, but, owing to illness, was forced to seek health in the

*Little Builders.

lonely island of Samoa where he became friend, counselor and missionary to the natives. In gratitude for his services, the Samoan chiefs built a roadway through the island, which they knew had long been a desire of his and which they fittingly called, "The Road of the Loving Heart." This other Brave Adventurer is already known to the Mission Bands as the author of *A Child's Garden of Verses*, Robert Louis Stevenson.

ORDER OF MEETING.—Opening hymn, "Little drops of water." Bible Lesson, John 4:5-15. Prayer, one of Robert Louis Stevenson's. Roll Call. Business. Offering. Lesson for the day, "Brave Adventurers," Chapter 5. Closing hymn, "We have heard a joyful sound, Jesus Saves!"

Rally Day Programme

For use of Mission Bands during 1926

MRS. J. W. DILL

OUR MOTTO.—*Loving and Serving.*

RALLY SONG.—Hymn 774, "Standing by a purpose true."

SCRIPTURE LESSON.—Luke 2:42-52.

PRAYER:

We Thank Thee that our Mission Band is helping day by day,
To brighten lives of others, at home and far away,
Link all our hands in one great chain, and bind us all together
In love to Thee, our Father dear, and love to one another.

GREETINGS.

ADDRESS.

OFFERING.

PRAYER (after offering):

Dear Father, bless our pennies
They'll travel many miles
To carry the gospel story
To continents and isles

CLOSING HYMN.—"Tell me the stories of Jesus."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

LET this meeting take the form of an open forum. Let the leader state the purpose of the forum pp. 187-8. Then throw it open.

First Woman.—"I think that everything has got to begin with us as individuals, a praying Church must be made up of praying Christians. How are we to cultivate a deeper prayer life?"

Answers by different members.—1. We've got to work for it, to agonize about it, p. 193. 2. To take time for it, pp. 193-4. 3. To appoint a regular place for it, p. 195. 4. To reconstruct our W.M.S., and make it first of all a meeting for prayer, p. 200-01. 5. To have a prayer list, p. 198-9. 6. To have a prayer partner, pp. 202-204. 7. To consider our greatest duty to stand by the weekly prayer meeting, p. 207, and set up the family altar in our own homes, pp. 209-210.

In closing let the leader give the matter on pp. 214-216. Then have the whole society repeat Paul's wonderful prayer in Eph. 3:14-21, as a closing prayer.

For fuller information on programmes, see "How to Use." Price 15c.

C. G. I. T.

AT the present time when the interest of our Church is especially centred in the return to Gwalior, India, of the veteran missionary, Rev. John Wilkie, D.D., the C.G.I.T. groups will also wish to remember him in prayer as he journeys, and to anticipate the welcome awaiting him on his arrival. To be the more familiar with his *mission field of Gwalior**, that Christian oasis in the desert of Indian possibility, it is suggested that the February missionary programme be devoted to this subject. The knowledge that Dr. Wilkie took with him on his departure three extra boxes, one containing dolls, the second, jackknives, and the third, fountain pens, shows just how much the Gwalior young people have in common with young Canada.

Another reason for directing the attention of the C.G.I.T. girls towards this particular foreign field is the appointment by the W.M.S. of Miss Irene Stringer as a missionary to Gwalior. Miss Stringer, when a child, heard Dr. Wilkie preach in her home church and ever since has kept his message in her heart. Hers is the first appointment since the tenth of June. She will be a teacher in the girls' school.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11,728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

RED DEER Presbyterial is very much alive. All our ministers are interested in the W.M.S., and Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups are being formed. At the meeting of Red Deer Presbytery, Mrs. Geo. C. Peattie of Olds, and Miss Jean McAllister of Innisfail, were

appointed members of the Presbytery's Standing Committee on Missions—Home and Foreign.

Miss Dickson held two very successful meetings in Edmonton, and Mrs. D. S. Mackenzie, President of First Church Auxiliary gave a tea so that Presbyterian and Provincial officers in Edmonton might meet her informally and talk over the mission work throughout the Dominion. Everyone was much encouraged with her report of the work, and she was encouraged at the live interest shown in the West.

CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL RE-ORGANIZED

A meeting of representative Presbyterian women was held in Grace Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, and the Calgary Presbyterial was re-organized.

The afternoon session, under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. W. Allott, opened with a Bible reading by Mrs. Johnston, and prayer by Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, of North Hill Presbyterian Church. After short addresses from Mrs. F. W. Allott, and Mrs. Harback, reports were received from the various Auxiliaries.

Miss Tier read a most instructive paper on "The Problems of a Disrupted Church," which was listened to with keen interest.

At the supper hour Rev. Dr. Johnston, and Rev. J. A. T. McLagan of St. Andrew's, and Rev. Mr. McNabb of North Hill Presbyterian Church spoke briefly. The evening session was presided over by Mrs. Harback.

The officers will be found on page 28.

An interesting event in connection with the W.M.S. of Olds was the presentation during the week of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Church, of a Life Membership certificate and pin to Mrs. Peter Jeffrey by the members of the W.M.S.. Apart from being President of the W.M.S., Mrs. Jeffrey and her husband did much to build up the Church.

Miss Dickson was much appreciated at Olds where she addressed a joint meeting of the W.M.S. and the Ladies' Aid.

The Calgary members of the Alberta Provincial Board of the Presbyterian W.M.S. and Calgary representatives from the Calgary Presbyterial, gathered at the home of Mrs. L. F. Harrop, on Thanksgiving Day, to meet Miss Agnes Dickson, of South China, who is at present doing extension work in the province and to hear her story of the W.M.S. work. Mr. Ho Lem, on hearing of Miss Dickson's visit, gathered about a dozen Chinese women and their children together in the evening to listen to her address, at the Calgary Chinese Mission.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. DAVID A. SMITH, 175-10TH AVE. W., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the last regular meeting of the Provincial Board, enthusiastic reports were heard from all departments. Many interesting letters

were read by the Corresponding Secretary showing that small groups of women all over the province are anxious to organize and start active work. Great pleasure was expressed by the President, Mrs. H. Pillar, at the splendid way in which the missionary givings are coming in, over \$1,200 having been raised during the past few months. Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor, who has recently arrived from Toronto, was introduced by the President, and brought greetings from the Council Executive. She was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Provincial Advisory Committee.

Reports of very successful Thank-offering meetings are still being received, the latest being from Fairview Church, Vancouver, where there was a large gathering and a very interesting programme. Mrs. Coleman, a veteran worker, spoke on "Work among the Chinese in British Columbia." The offering, which included one Life Membership, amounted to over \$100.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Brandon Presbyterial of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, met in Brandon on November 25th, Mrs. John A. MacDonald presiding. Fifty-seven delegates were present from all parts of the Presbyterial, John Thunder and two delegates attending from the Bird Tail reserve.

The evening meeting, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was largely attended. Mrs. Hutcheson, of Winnipeg, gave an inspiring address, and John Thunder gave a report and message that will long be remembered by all who heard it. The Bird Tail reserve has contributed \$60 to the Presbyterian Church since June.

The spirit and enthusiasm of this re-organization meeting was quite remarkable considering the way the ranks have been depleted, and gives great promise for the future success of the work.

The newly-elected officers were then dedicated to the work by Rev. Robert Paterson, Moderator of Synod.

For list of officers for 1926 see page 28.

ONTARIO

MRS. A. M. EKINS, BOX 304, HESPELER, PRESS SECRETARY

NEW OFFICERS

AT the meeting of the Sub-Executive of the Ontario Provincial Board held on Dec. 1st, Mrs. W. J. McCullough was appointed Corresponding Secretary of Ontario Provincial Society to succeed the late Mrs. F. H. Ross, who so ably filled the office for the last eleven years. Mrs. Geo. M. Begg, 425 Walmer Road, Toronto, was appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary, but all correspondence is to be sent direct to Mrs. McCullough.

The Provincial Treasurer reports, the splendid amount of \$31,244 from July 1st to Nov. 30th. The Nov. receipts being \$14,400.

The Provincial Sub-Executive meets the first Thursday of each month.

Chatham P.S.—Reports a splendid spirit of optimism for the future and a more careful building up as we go along. The Thank-offering meetings throughout the Presbyterial have been most inspiring.

The inaugural meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Wallaceburg, representatives from thirteen Auxiliaries and several minority groups being present. Miss Chambers, who spent nearly three years in "Matheson Memorial Hospital," now matron of our South Porcupine Hospital, Northern Ontario, gave a wonderful talk on hospital work.

Mrs. Steinke, Chatham, gave a splendid talk on C.G.I.T. work, and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, a pioneer missionary from China, gave a powerful address, taking as her keynote, "Simplicity of Prayer."

Mrs. Chas. Scott presided at the meeting of the Executive of Chatham, Oct. 22nd. She urged greater consecration as the spiritual necessity for progressive work. Much enthusiasm was evident as the different secretaries read their reports.

Plans were made for an itinerary throughout the bounds by a special worker among the Chinese; also for sectional meetings to be held within the Presbyterial, under the supervision of the Presbyterial Vice-Presidents.

Peterborough P.S.—Executive and sectional W.M.S. meeting was held in Colborne, October 22nd. Miss Pelton, our Field Secretary, gave a wonderful message. Those present will not soon forget her earnest appeal.

Superior P.S.—The interest in mission work and church activity was stimulated by an address by Rev. Thos. Rodger, of St. John's Church, Toronto, before Superior Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Mrs. Harris McPhedran of Toronto brought greetings from the Toronto P.S. An encouraging report was read of the work being accomplished at Fort Frances.

In The New Year

Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us, all
untrod:

The New Year, spotless from the
hand of God,

Is thine and mine, O friend.

Let us walk kindly, friend;
We cannot tell how long this life
shall last,

How soon these precious days be
overpast:

Let love walk with us, friend.

—*The Bible in The World.*

Life Members

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Miss Jessie Murdock Yule, First Pres., Ch. Aux., Regina.

British Columbia Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

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LIFE MEMBERS

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LIFE MEMBERS

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LIFE MEMBERS

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IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. Edgar Dey, by Mr. Edgar Dey and family, Stanley Aux., Westmount.

Ontario Provincial.—

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

Margery Lake, Rhina Rhodes, Catherine Adams and Katy Armstrong, "Golden Rule" M. B., Hamilton; Marion Saunders and Grace Turnbull, Corunna M. B.; Margaret Elizabeth Miller, "Sunbeam" M. B., St. John's Ch., Toronto; Clara Dorean Ryan, "Crusader's" M. B., Morewood; Wm. Kenneth Burt, Stratford; Mary McLaren and Kathleen Leyden, "Emily Steele" M. B., Dundas; Margaret Elizabeth Ritchie, Girls' M. B., Cromarty; Alison June McLelland, Stratford.

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New Year

“CHARGE not thyself with the weight of a year
Child of the Master, faithful and dear;

Choose not thy cross for the *coming week*,
For that is more than He bids thee seek;

Bend not thine arm for *to-morrow's load*,
Thou may'st leave that to thy Gracious God;

'Daily' only, He saith to thee,
'Take up thy cross, and fellow Me'."

The Cable That Came From India

Rullam

Miss B. MacMurchy
Canadian Presbyterian W.M.S.
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*Inform authorities we don't enter United Church. God
grant both Churches be fully missionary.*

John Buchanan

Dec. 7th

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"But since to human hands like ours
Thou hast committed work divine,
Shall not our eager hearts make haste
To join their feeble powers to Thine?
To word and work shall not our hands
Obedient move, nor lips be dumb,
Lest, through our sinful love of ease
Thy kingdom should delay to come?"

—Selected.

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Editorial

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1926 will be found on page 61 of this issue. The figures are necessarily approximate, for not until the end of January, when all the books close will we know what our income has been, since June 10th, or, to be quite accurate, for the last four working months. The Finance Committee has given very careful thought to the whole situation, and the Council Executive submits this estimate with no wavering of faith, knowing that the entire Society, fired as it is with a fresh vision and new devotion, will rise to meet its obligation.

Allocations to the different provinces are being prepared and will be sent down to the Provincial Treasurers as soon as possible.

From the estimates, and the résumé which appeared in the January number, it will be seen that the work we have already undertaken parallels that of our Society before the division occurred. Overseas, we have work in India, China and Japan, while in Canada, our School Home, Hospital and Social Service Departments, and the Chinese in Canada claim our support.

So quickly do events move, that since the January magazine appeared our work has taken another step forward. In connection with our Oriental work in Canada, Mr. Eshoo has been appointed for four months to work among the Persians in the North Battleford district, Sask. On his way to his field he will stay over at Port Arthur and hold a Communion Service for the Persians resident there.

In South China, we have loaned Miss Agnes Dulmage to the Diocesan Girls' School at Hong Kong until conditions are more settled, we paying her salary, and it being refunded to us by that Board. Miss Dulmage is to be senior mistress in the school until next May and has been offered the place of the head mistress until the following February when she returns from her leave. The Board there are very grateful to have Miss Dulmage, and she is very glad, in these troublous and unsettled times in China, to be engaged in Christian work in China, and as a recognized missionary of the Presbyterian W.M.S.

Dr. Jessie MacBean, formerly Superintendent of the "Marian Barclay" Hospital, Kong Moon, has gone to the Hackett Medical College, Canton. Her support there is being met by our W.M.S.

Our Social Service department has also been strengthened by the ap-

pointment of Miss Gunn, who has had experience in work among the Jews, and also among the Chinese.

Under new work, it will be seen that provision is made for two new School Homes. One of these may be in the West and one in the Province of Quebec.

We bespeak for these workers the prayerful support of our members.

REV. R. G. MACBETH'S FORTHCOMING BOOK, *The Burning Bush and Canada* is being anticipated with a good deal of interest. It aims to give the right background, in the influence of the Presbyterian Church in history, in other lands and our own, its record in Canada East and West, the true account of the Church Union situation, historically considered, and some discussion of the future. There is a special chapter called "Faithful Women" which sketches the organization of women for missions from the earliest date in other parts of the world, then in Canada through various periods, and a special account of the re-organization in June, 1925. The book will not be cumbrous or diffuse and will be suitable for study in Bible classes, societies and services as well as for personal reading.

WE COMMEND TO WIDE USE IN OUR AUXILIARIES, the beautiful "Morning Prayer" which appears, by special permission, in this number. Each paragraph is complete in itself. Its use, in whole or in part, should do much to stimulate and deepen the prayer spirit in our Auxiliaries, and prepare us all for our gathering together on February 19th at the Annual International and Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer.

MRS. MACKENZIE OF OUR ALL PEOPLE'S MISSION AT GONOR, MAN., writes that the books which were sent to her were exactly what she wanted, and in not one case were there duplicates with what they already had. Their hall was ready for occupation, and they were expecting to have the best Christmas in their experience.

MISS PELTON, OUR FIELD SECRETARY, left on January 14th for the West. She goes first to British Columbia, and will be at the Annual Meeting of Westminster Presbyterial, at Victoria, on January 18th and 19th.

WE ASK THE PRAYERS OF OUR WOMEN for the Presbyterial meetings about to be held, and for those for which plans are now being laid. London with thirty-six Auxiliaries (out of the former fifty-four), and twenty-three Mission Bands, expects to have them all well represented.

THE SIX WEEKS' SCHOOL OF MISSIONS held in Chalmers' Church, Toronto, has created such an interest in missions among the young women that they have decided to form themselves into an Auxiliary and to call it the "John Wilkie Auxiliary."

Working Girls in Japan

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD, LL.D., TOKYO

I CAME back to find the Working Girls' Night School preparing for its first anniversary. Twelve young women received diplomas for their year's work. During my absence the school had been recognized by the Educational department of the city, and our diplomas glistened with seals of various sorts, stamped with scarlet sealing wax. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Settlement, Dr. Uzawa, one of our most eminent jurists and for many years a prominent member of Parliament, presented the diplomas with a solemnity due to a University Convocation. It was really an historic occasion. A representative came from the city council and made a very pleasing speech. The former principal of the Tsuda Women's College also spoke. She told me afterwards that she spoke with a greater sense of responsibility than she had ever felt in speaking to College Students.

The audience consisted of 160 girls from the various factories in the neighborhood with a fringe of young working men on the edge, looking very pleased with themselves over the achievements of their fellow women workers. The applause from the young men was long and loud as each young woman rose and went forward to receive her diploma. Among the 12 to receive them were three married women. Although only 12 received diplomas for a full year's work there had been an average attendance of about 40 during the year. Many girls were obliged to drop out for intervals on account of overtime work in the factories, and so could not complete the year's work within a year's time. Diplomas will be presented however twice a year, so that such girls can do a year's work in a year and a half.

The new year began with an attendance of 120 which has since increased to 130.

During my absence, three groups of factory women living too far from the settlement to attend the evening classes, had asked for help in learning to knit, sing, etc. They themselves provided the meeting places in their own vicinity. In one place, it was the upstairs of the store of the Co-operative Society, in another the local Labor Union headquarters. These group meetings are being continued by our settlement women workers, the average attendance at each meeting being about twenty-five.

During the Annual meeting of the Japanese Federation of Labour,

several delegates from Osaka stayed at the Settlement. They were greatly interested in our efforts to promote education among factory women, and asked me to go to Osaka to see if similar work could be begun among women factory workers of Osaka, our biggest manufacturing city. I am actually writing from Osaka at the present moment. I spoke the other evening to a meeting under the auspices of the local Labor Union where 700 factory workers, 200 women and 500 men attended with the result that the women want to have a week's meetings to learn to knit, sing and gradually to learn about higher things of life. I have asked some missionaries and Japanese Christians to take the responsibility for this, looking forward to permanent work. Another group has been formed in another place on the outskirts of Osaka, which will be looked after by a resident missionary in that city with the co-operation of several old students of mine from the Tsuda Women's College of Tokyo who are now teaching in a number of High Schools in Osaka. I being merely an "agitator," withdraw when things get started and responsibility has to be shouldered, and retire to the metropolis of Tokyo to stir up some other agitation!

This is really a very great opportunity to help widen the scope of education for factory women, of which there is such dire need. By this co-operation we can help them also to understand the spirit of Christ and His message for them, as no amount of sermons, without this practical service could do. Factory workers are very suspicious of religion—Buddhism and every other kind included in the category. They are inclined to think that it is a soporific used by the rich to keep the poor asleep and contented with their lot. They will continue to misunderstand religion until we translate into action the virile principles of Christ and the meaning of salvation as He meant it. "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven."

I have been very busy since returning, for prison work and its many increasing personal contacts demand much strength and sympathy. I do thank you all for the share you are going to take in this now and what seems to me a very large opportunity to touch some of the vital problems of Japan through this contact with factory women.

I request particularly your prayers and thought for all of us who are working in the Settlement. We really all do work like Trojans and there is not a selfish bone in the combined bodies of all our Japanese associates who live in the Settlement. I shall tell you about some of them some time.

"Help with your little help—it may not be much you can do, but somewhere some will see an effort's glory, and be stirred thereby to hope once more and lift up heart and try."

First Place in the Home

“**A**RISE, get thee to Zarephath.....and dwell there.” (I Ki. 17:9).

It's a great place to live—and work—is Zarephath. It is (literally) “a workshop for melting and refining metals.” And a woman once lived there who heard, all unexpectedly, one day, the call to practice stewardship. Things had been going all wrong. Crops had failed. Food was exhausted. Gaunt famine was staring her and her neighbors in the face. And at that very trying hour God's messenger entered the “workshop for melting and refining metals.” He found this woman with “not a cake, but an handful of meal,” and as she scraped the bottom of the barrel, there came the demand, which at first blush must have seemed unreasonably exacting. “Make me thereof a little cake first.” What! When she and her little son were actually starving, to give away what little she had left! Yes, the God who had bidden Abraham offer up his only son, now applies to this woman, likewise, the test of his ownership,—his the first lien upon her larder. His representative is to have the “first.” The woman stands the test, and you know the rest—“the barrel of meal wasted not; neither did the cruse of oil fail” (I Kings, 17:14). Strange mathematics taught in the school of stewardship—to multiply by subtracting. “For there is that scattereth and *increaseth yet more*; and there is that withholdeth and it tendeth to poverty.” (Prov. 11:24). Such a result, however, is possible only by putting God first—“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).

In the handling of income, God requires that giving shall come first: “Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty” (Prov. 3:9). They who invert the Divine order, and give only what they “can spare”—after first spending for themselves—have no claim upon the promised “increase.”

Every home should be a Zarephath—a workshop for converting the baser metals of selfishness into the pure gold of service. Home is the place to

LEARN TO WORK

There the basic necessities of life must be met. Fuel and food must be gathered, meals prepared and served, and clothing provided. Money being the medium of exchange and the measure of value of all these necessary things, it must be acquired by expending vital energy. All must learn to work and earn, since “if any would not work, neither should he eat.” (II Thess. 3:10). Hence, definite duties should be assigned to even the youngest member of the family, as soon as he is

able to help. Especially is the work done in serving others in "melting and refining the metals" in the workshop of the home. In the home, as nowhere else, can all this be taught.

It is necessary, too, that children

LEARN TO SPEND

Only as the value of money is realized by putting forth one's own effort in earning it, will it be expended to best advantage. Never to spend what one has not got; never to buy what is not really needed; to get the best, as being in fact the cheapest; not to seek to get things for less than their real value—these elementary principles are to be inculcated by patient and it may be sometimes by painful processes, which can best be worked out in the family circle.

Nor is there less need to

LEARN TO SAVE

There was meal left in the widow's jar and oil in her cruse because of foresight and frugality. She had prepared for "the rainy day"; and it was her savings, scanty though these were, that tided her over the time of dire need. The wicked waste of abundance will one day inevitably bring want and suffering to many. Lessons of thrift which the war taught have been forgotten. There is need to repeat the teaching, "line upon line, precept upon precept," in every home in the land.

And, last but not least,—in fact, first—in importance is it needful to

LEARN TO GIVE

Can you not catch the expression upon the eager face of the little son of the widow of Zarephath, as mother uses up the very last of the meal to make the cake for the man of God? Little did either he or his mother suspect that his own life would ere long be hanging in the balance, dependent upon the giving away of what the little lad no doubt longed to keep for himself. It was a lesson which would stand him in good stead for the rest of his life. Giving is only a part of stewardship, but a most important part.

These are some of the fundamentals of stewardship, and they concern the whole family, not alone the so-called "wage-earner." There is a widespread and most pernicious fallacy that "it all comes out of one pocket anyhow," which needs to be eradicated from the minds of men. The receiving teller is not the whole bank. The wife in the retirement of the home is just as really helping to earn the family income as the husband who may do his work in the limelight. The family income should be shared by all members of the family in due proportion, in order that none may be deprived of the opportunity to share in the grace that only giving can give.

These homely economic principles inculcated in the course of
"The daily round, The common task"—

Earning with energy and fairness.
Spending with discrimination and without penuriousness.
Saving in order to share with others.
Giving for the sake of God's kingdom.

—these need to be organized into the life of every member of every family.

If the fruits of stewardship are to be borne in the Church, its roots must be planted in the home. How can this better be accomplished than through the Women's Missionary Society? Motherhood is the stewardship of all stewardships. To the women of the churches, as well as to the men, now comes the call to "get to Zarephath" and there to learn the lesson of stewardship. The great Teacher—a far greater than Elijah—is longing to unfold his teachings to the members of the Women's Missionary Societies. Only as the principles of stewardship are actually put into practice, can the missionary programme ever be carried out. The present season offers an opportunity such as has never been presented before to learn how to make each home a Zarephath—"a workshop for melting and refining metals" and developing the pure gold of Christian character.

—David McConaughay

What Measure Will Your Auxiliary Carry Up to the Fountain-Head

MRS. W. M. KANNAWIN

ARE our Auxiliaries keeping tryst with the faith of the founders of our Women's Missionary Society, as expressed in the opening paragraph of its Constitution? It reads thus: "Its aim and object shall be to unite the women and children of the Church, in *prayer* and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ." Our organization was born in prayer, which must ever be our largest contribution to the accomplishment of our aim—"The World for Christ." This can be actually realized only by cultivating that close communion with our Master, who will give us the vision of the world and its need as *He* sees it. We meet each month, not merely to discuss ways and means of financing our work, however essential that may appear to be, but to face the missionary problem of our whole Church, in the greater and more effective way of *intercession*. Upon the President of each Auxiliary must ever rest the responsibility of being careful that prayer occupies a large place in every meeting. A few moments silent prayer, at the very beginning, will give spiritual tone to the united gathering and create an atmosphere in which the devotional life will find free expression in audible prayers, even though they be mere sentences breathed from faltering lips. One of God's most astonishing promises is, "If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything

that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in Heaven." This is God's challenge, to His professed followers! Shall we take Him at His Word?

The Auxiliary that lightly regards this essential will not only fail, as a factor in world-evangelization but will lose its hold on its own members and its spiritual force, in the congregation's life. Let us recall an ancient story!

"There was once a great spring. The people, as they went, took up vessels. Some carried tiny cups and others, great barrels and all came away with their measures filled. Only the size of the measure taken up, limited the outpouring of the great spring. In facing the work of this wonderful New Year of opportunity for service, what measures are we going to take up with us to the great Fountain-Head of all our supplies?"

A Welcome Message from South China

DR. JESSIE A. MACBEAN

IT was a great relief to have the assurance that the Presbyterian W.M.S. are taking on my support in the Hackett Medical College. Because of the disturbed conditions existing in Canton, I have not yet been able to go up to help in the College. School did not open until October 15th, and only American members of the staff have been allowed to teach. But Dr. Hoffmann, President of the College, has written asking me to go up now and try it out, so I leave on Dec. 1st. I am looking forward to my work with the students and trust that I may have what some one has described as the essential qualification to-day, "A capacity for friendship." These are difficult days in China and call for mutual consideration and true brotherly love on the part of all Christian workers in China. Whatever the attitude of the Chinese towards us may be, our attitude towards them and our missionary motives remain unchanged.

Kongmoon is still closed to us, primarily because there are no steamers running. Our people are very weary of their long enforced rest—it is five months since they had to leave and they are anxious to return to their homes and work.

I was able to keep the Women's Hospital open until the second week in September. We left at eight o'clock and before noon the trouble we feared broke out, and, during the raid the hospital and my house and Mr. Broadfoot's were looted. Since then the hospital has been closed. All other work had been closed in June. Now the people are very anxious to have the hospital opened again. Have had a lovely rest in Swatow, so feel quite equal to hard work in Canton.

May God's richest blessing rest on all the work of our beloved Church.

Annual Convention of Eastern Canada Chinese Mission

MISS MARY H. HUGILL

THE fifth annual Convention of the Eastern Canada Chinese Mission was held in Chalmers Church, Toronto, Nov. 7-9th, 1925.

Rev. Ma T. K. Won conducted the opening service of prayer. At the close of this service the devotional, educational, finance and publicity committees met to talk over new plans.

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. G. S. Despard of St. Peter's Anglican Church, after which three addresses of welcome were given.

Rev. J. M. MacGillivray said the purpose of the Church was to help men therefore to help the Chinese. He emphasized the fact that Christian influence is a great factor in winning lives for Christ since Christianity is not so much taught as caught.

Mr. R. P. Travis felt the Gospel should be given to the Chinese in our midst so that they, in turn, might take it to those in their own land.

Mr. Peter Wong said that the need of Christ was world-wide. Today the East looks to the West for Christian leadership.

In answer to the roll call, delegates from Montreal, Brockville, Kingston, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Windsor and Toronto responded, and greetings from Halifax, St. John's and Peterborough were read.

After the evening banquet a short programme of recitations and songs was provided in which only Chinese took part.

Mr. Chong Fon gave a short address on the equality of all men in God's sight.

Mr. George Lee, a student in medicine, spoke on the value of physical training for Chinese boys and men. He believes that "A sound mind in a sound body" is a maxim well worth considering.

Mr. Roy Mark, President of the Chinese Boys' Club, spoke of the value of their programme. Three of their aims are: to attend Sunday School; to be regular in their attendance at club; to be useful to others. He made an appeal for clubs to be opened in other centres.

Mr. R. H. Ward, President of the Eastern Chinese Mission, gave a résumé of the work of the past year and the future outlook.

Although much has been done, the increase of commercial intercourse with China makes it imperative that more should be done for the Chinese in our midst if we are to be true to our trust as citizens of a Christian country.

No Sunday morning session was held but delegates were invited to

visit any of the Chinese Sunday Schools held in the morning: St. Paul's Anglican; High Park Baptist; St. John's Presbyterian.

A rally service was held in College Street United Church at 3 p.m., Rev. R. B. Cochrane acting as Chairman.

The first speaker, Mr. Wm. B. Djang, B.A., of Knox College, expressed personal gratitude at the privilege of addressing an audience that he loved more than words could express, because they are making of his countrymen not only Canadian citizens but Christian citizens. His subject was "The present Chinese outlook."

China at the present time is in a state of political, social, religious and intellectual unrest. Some say the cause is anti-Christian some say it is anti-foreign while others say it is Bolshevistic, but the speaker was of the opinion that the cause was internal not external and attributed it to the new and growing national spirit manifesting itself in religious, educational and political life.

Mr. L. T. Hwang, M.A., of Toronto University, spoke on "China and Christianity." The present opportunities for Christian service are in some respects greater and in others not so great. The attitude toward China and Chinese must be changed completely as there can be no mixed motive. The Boxer rising of 1900 was entirely different from the present rising, the former was one of re-action, while the latter is one of progression. The Empress Dowager wanted to maintain political power but the present movement is democratic. It is a struggle for a humanitarian cause and as such should receive the support and encouragement of the Christian Church.

The third address was by Mr. Y. H. Tsao, of Yale University, who spoke on "Christianity and the Overseas Chinese."

The history of immigration shows that many Chinese pioneered their way here, some to work on railroads and some to seek gold, now Chinese of all social scales are to be found in America and many have experienced hospitality in Christian homes.

The Sunday evening session was held in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. Rev. Ma T. W. Wou presided.

Mr. Hwang stated that Ukrainians were asking for schools, why not the Chinese? He was of the opinion that all immigrants are timid and need a little coaxing before responding to the efforts made to win their friendship and trust.

Appreciation was expressed of those who had given their time and talents to help the Chinese. In giving of these the giver had lost nothing for "He who enriches others, enriches himself."

Mr. Tsao addressed the Chinese in their native tongue. He exhorted them to make the best use of their opportunities while in Canada, to

learn as much as they could, to be loyal to China and to study the Christian religion and the Christians' Bible.

Mr. Djang thought that the present need was a living and practical Christianity. Some Chinese have been in this country twenty years and have never been inside a Christian home. If the Christian Church hopes to succeed in Christianizing the Chinese they must cease drawing a mark of distinction, the work done for them must not be done in a patronizing way, for Mencius, a great disciple of Confucius says that what is given in a patronizing way is rejected, even by a beggar.

Rev. Lo gave a short message on "Faith and works."

At the Monday morning session Mr. A. E. Welch, of London, spoke on what we can do to carry on Evangelistic services in Eastern Canada and conserve our efforts.

Dr. Noyes spoke on the segregation of Chinese boys and girls in our public and high schools.

The third address was by Mr. J. R. Day of Ottawa on "How we can interest Chinese members in church work."

Mr. Day gave five suggestions: Have a proper place for meeting; Bring work to the attention of the Sunday School; Get best teachers possible; Give offerings to missions and get others to help swell the givings as people are interested in what they have a part; Pray and get others to pray.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Laing, the President elect, occupied the chair.

A paper by Mr. H. C. Ellis on "Financial Support", was read by Miss Dalton. Mrs. Beal of Whitby told of the work she was doing for the Chinese in her own home. And Mrs. Houston of the Baptist Union Mission reported what she, as a nurse, is doing among the Chinese women and children.

Dr. Noyes stated that there are approximately 40,000 to 55,000 Chinese in Canada, 7,000 of these being in Ontario, 3,000 in Toronto.

The Conference closed with a social evening at the Toronto Chinese Y.M.C.I.

Chinese Children Wish Christmas Would Come Every Day

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

ONE WISHES that it might have been the privilege of all our readers to look into the Sabbath School hall of Cooke's Church, Toronto, on Saturday evening December 19th.

There they would have witnessed a happy crowd of Chinese children,

little tots and older boys and girls, gathered for the Annual Christmas supper and tree, provided each year for the Chinese Department of the Sabbath School. One pleasing feature was the presence of about fifteen of the mothers who came with their little ones.

The children began to arrive about four in the afternoon, and spent the time, until after supper was announced, in games and frolics. The prettily decorated tables met in the centre of the hall; and beside each place was a dainty little red basket made of candy, which was carefully treasured by each child.

When the last dish of ice-cream had vanished, one or two Christmas Hymns were sung; and two solos, rendered by members of Chalmer's Church Chinese class. Then the children repaired to the primary class room, where a gorgeous tree, laden with all kinds of gifts, was waiting for them. Indeed, two tables and the mantelpiece were required to hold all the good things.

Santa Claus, who had arrived a little earlier and been greeted with shouts of joy by the little ones, was soon busy distributing the gifts to teachers, mothers, and children.

Through the kindness of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of the city, in addition to the regular gifts from the teachers in the school, pretty aprons were provided for the mothers, and bibs, mittens, and toys, for the younger children, with dainty bags for the older girls and ties for the older boys. A box of apples was also sent in from friends in Streetsville, and a box of toys, books, etc., from the "Agnes Dickson" Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay. While Santa rested at intervals, during his arduous task; different workers, including Mr. Ma Woh, the Chinese pastor, and Dr. Gibson, the pastor of the Church, spoke a few appropriate words to the children.

After the tree had been stripped of its glory, and a closing prayer offered, a tired, happy, company returned home. many of them thinking how lovely it would be if Christmas came every day of the year.

Mission Band Rallies

MRS. W. R. ADAMSON, MISSION BAND SECRETARY, TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL

IF WE are ever in doubt as to the future of our W.M.S. work, all we need to do is attend a Mission Band Rally, and from then on we will never have any feelings of uncertainty as to how our future work is to be carried on.

There have been four rallies held in Toronto Presbyterial, two rural and two in the city. The first one was held in Mimico Presbyterian Church, when the Church was filled with an eager, enthusiastic group of children.

The following week, the children of the East End met in St. John's Church, Toronto, and showed us what wonderful talent we have in our Bands.

The weather was so unsettled, the day of the rally at Weston, that we hardly expected to see a child out, yet nearly one hundred gathered in the church. The children from Bolton had some distance to walk to get the train, arriving in Weston about ten in the morning, but there they were, sitting patiently waiting for the rally to commence at three o'clock! With such enthusiasm for Mission Band work we are not surprised that Bolton was the Banner Band of Toronto Presbyterial last year.

The same day, the eight Bands of the West End of Toronto met in Parkdale Presbyterian Church with over two hundred children in attendance. At all the rallies, each Band took some part in the programme.

Mrs. Adamson brought greetings from the Presbyterial, and inspiring talks were given by Mrs. Koffend, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Dill and Mr. Bell.

After Seven Years

THE AUXILIARY CIRCLE PLAN

(Continued from November)

OFFICERS.—The general officers consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, with the secretaries of the benevolent causes of the church whose duty it is to promote interest in the causes they represent.

MEETINGS.—One day of each week is named as Church Day. On Church Day of the first week there is an Executive Board or Committee meeting. During the second week the full Auxiliary holds a business meeting. The third week each circle holds a meeting of its own and on the fourth Church Day of the month the Auxiliary holds a programme meeting and social hour. Many auxiliaries combine the auxiliary business and programme meetings, since the business having been thoroughly discussed at the meeting of the Executive Board, will take only a few minutes. My own Auxiliary also changes the order of Church Day, having first, Executive Board, then Circle and then Auxiliary. In this way matters of great importance are first discussed at the Board meeting, and then taken by the chairmen of circles to their circle meetings, thoroughly discussed there, and finally voted on at the Auxiliary meeting. In this case that fourth Church Day may be used for mission study, Bible study, some special sewing for the orphans, town nurses, White Cross, or other work.

PROGRAMMES.—There are always missionary or allied programmes at

the Auxiliary meetings. All the benevolent causes are studied. Special emphasis is placed on systematic Bible study and each Auxiliary is expected to have at least two mission study classes each year, one on home missions and one on foreign missions. Each circle is a law unto itself in so far as programmes are concerned. The General Auxiliary publishes a suggestive *Year Book of Programmes* for both auxiliary and circle meetings.

FINANCES.—The budget, after having been adopted by the Auxiliary, is apportioned among the circles. Voluntary pledges are made by the individual members to meet the amount called for. Three special offerings are made during the year—the thank-offering for Home Missions in November, the self-denial offering for Foreign Missions in February and the birthday offering in May which goes first to one benevolent cause and then to another. We believe that by educating our members in stewardship and in the needs of the church both their hearts and their purse strings will be opened.

RESULTS.—The following table of comparisons give results that show far better than any words what the plan has done:

	1919	1924
Auxiliary membership	46,788	103,045
Total gifts	433,601	1,412,608
Amount per capita	\$9.00	\$14.00
No. tithers	None reported	2,312
Foreign Mission Study Classes	622	2,345
Home Mission Study Classes	567	2,274

Other results are as follows:

1. It is putting responsibility upon the individual members instead of upon the general officers.

2. It is increasing our sense of stewardship, not only of money, but of all that we are and possess.

3. It is teaching us, not only the importance and efficacy of prayer, but how to pray.

4. It is teaching us to do less reading and more studying of our Bibles.

5. It is proving to us the importance of being vitally interested in our church and its work, and informed as to its needs and achievements.

6. It is developing leadership—executive leaders, prayer leaders, programme leaders.

7. It is showing us that there is a place for every woman in the church in its service; that God is asking of each of us the same question He asked Moses, “What is that in thy hand?”—time, business ability, personality, opportunity for intercession, a home, an automobile—all may be used in His service.

—Mrs. John Bratton in *The Missionary Review of the World*.

Gleanings and Gatherings

FROM LETTERS AND REPORTS

WE had a wonderful meeting in Knox Church, Stratford. They have some splendid and capable women, so alive and so enthusiastic. Presbyterianism is a long way from being dead in Stratford, and the W.M.S. is a real live issue.

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In Eldon Station Auxiliary I was much impressed with the number of young women in the Auxiliary and holding office.

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The two minorities in Beaverton are working together as an Auxiliary. They have also a fine Y. W. Aux., and a thriving Mission Band. I think some of the very best work is being done by the minorities.

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At Gamebridge the day was awful—pouring—one of those beating crooked rains and yet a dear old lady walked two and a half miles to the meeting. She was soaking wet. I am saving that for some of my tenderfoot city friends.

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In Woodville the basement of the church was practically filled. About a quarter of the audience was men, and they were intensely interested.

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Leaskdale meeting was Sunday evening. The Thank-offering was the largest with one exception, the exception being a very special meeting just as the armistice was signed.

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After the evening Thanksgiving meeting at Sonya we organized both an Auxiliary and a Mission Band.

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Had a wonderful evening at Wick. Such women! They are undaunted. The harder they are hit the further they rebound. Their Auxiliary is meeting regularly at the different homes.

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There have been very few discouraging days. Every where I have been most cordially greeted, and the men, both laymen and ministers, seem to count nothing too much trouble in assisting me with their cars and every way possible.—*Field Secretary.*

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We have our "Sunbeam" Mission Band in good working order with a registered membership of between sixty and seventy. The

children were delighted with the new mite boxes. We are having such good meetings. The children are so interested in "Brave Adventurers" we have no trouble keeping order.—Smith's Falls.

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"Sloan" Auxiliary of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, realized over \$233 from gifts dropped into mite boxes during the summer holidays.

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Your prayers have surely been answered for us. God has blessed us abundantly. Such a fine earnest spirit is manifest in all our meetings. The women are so willing to serve. We are constantly growing stronger, and our hearts are filled with gratitude for all the wondrous blessings that God is daily bestowing upon us.—Winnipeg.

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We are having splendid meetings and are sure we shall do good work when we get accustomed to the new order of things. We certainly appreciated Miss Dickson's visit for its inspiration and uplift—Neepawa, Man.

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An all boys' Mission Band has been formed at Long Branch—The "Wilkie", and a girls' Mission Band—The "Goforth."

OUR LETTER BOX

Okanase Indian Reserve, Manitoba.

"The generous gifts of lantern, organ and supplies came before Christmas, and we are truly grateful for such kindness. We had been asking and asking for these things and had given up hope of ever receiving them, but, all things work together for good to them who wait on their Lord and Master. I have good news for the W.M.S., 90 per cent. of the Indians on the Birtle Agency, which supplies the Birtle Boarding School with pupils, have voted to remain Presbyterian."

—Rev. D. B. Willson.

New Liskeard, Northern Ontario

"Some days before Christmas I received a nice box of clothing, books, toys, etc., from London Presbyterial and two boxes filled with a splendid collection of gifts for distribution in Northern Ontario, from the Y.W.A. of Kingston Presbyterial. Now, I cannot express on paper my feelings when I received these boxes, and many a home has been gladdened because of them being sent here. I have received many letters expressing thankfulness for the gifts.

I called a committee of men and women who knew the needs of the surrounding country, and they helped me in parcelling and distributing the presents. I am sure if the ladies who sent these gifts could see the joy written on the faces of the recipients they would feel well repaid for their efforts. In sending the gifts I told all that this is one part of our W.M.S. work. I too am truly thankful for the part allotted to me in the distribution. It brought great joy to me." —Mrs. McKnight.

Presbyterian School Home, New Liskeard

"First we had a table at Mrs. McKnight's junior bazaar, then we helped with the Christmas entertainment for the Sunday School, afterwards came examinations and Christmas parcels. I distributed the gifts as they came, which made a longer Christmas season, reserving the Toronto box for the evening before they left for holidays. The children were so pleased and excited looking forward to something every day of the exams.

For two or three days at Christmas time the weather was most severe—thirty-five degrees below zero, with a wind.

You will be pleased to hear that our Mission Band sent \$50 to the Presbyterian Treasurer, which we have made since September. Dan made \$10 of that amount. Our new hymn books will be most useful for our Mission Band and Auxiliary meetings as well as for family worship. Our study lamp is lovely, and I am most proud of our dozen hens, and very soon will have fresh eggs, which are needy for two anæmic girls. Altogether we had a very wonderful Christmas season." —Miss McIlwaine.

A GRATEFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL

MRS. DUNBAR of Belgrave on behalf of the Presbyterian Sunday School wishes to thank all the Auxiliaries of London and Stratford, and McNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, for the nice lot of library books. Please accept our sincere thanks for the same and, as we all read them, we shall think of our kind friends elsewhere.

OFFICERS—ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Quebec P.S.—Library Sec., Mrs. D. J. Fraser, 219 Victoria St., Sherbrooke; M. Band Sec., Mrs. E. Gibson, 15 London St., Sherbrooke; *The Glad Tidings* and Press Sec., Mrs. Andrew MacDonald, 47 Prospect St., Sherbrooke.

Grave on thy heart each past "red-letter day!"
Forget not all the sunshine of the way
By which the Lord hath led thee; answered prayers,
And joys unasked, strange blessings, lifted cares,
Grand promise-echoes! Thus thy life shall be
One record of His love and faithfulness to thee.

—F. R. Havergal.

A Morning Prayer

DEAR Heavenly Father, Thou who dost neither slumber nor sleep, I thank Thee for Thy protecting care during the night watches and for the dawn of a new day. Cleanse my life now of every stain of yesterday's sin and create in me a clean heart. The hours of this day are golden, for with their passing they are gone forever, therefore unfold to me the plan for their life. Let me not mar that plan by any omission of service because of fear, timidity or unwillingness; let me add nothing to it which mere human impulse or selfish ambition dictates. My life is but one, but as Thou didst multiply the lad's meagre luncheon so that it was enough to feed thousands, with food to spare, so multiply my life that it, through prayer and rich self-giving, may bless multitudes.

¶ Dear Lord Jesus, touch me before the hurrying world touches me, so that the fever of haste and restlessness may leave me and I may rise and minister unto others with a still heart, testifying through my life of the blessed heritage of peace Thou didst bequeath us. Teach me to enjoy life not so much through the retrospection of a dead past and the anticipations of an uncertain future as through a hearty separation of my whole being unto the things and people of the living present.

¶ Tender Father, I thank Thee for the many loving kindnesses and tender mercies with which Thy children are constantly crowning my life; to-day may I be as kind, good and thoughtful to others. There will be many weary, discouraged, tempted, lonely, heartsick, needy ones in the crowd to-day. O tender Son of Man, live in me, so that, as I pass through, I may feel the touch upon the hem of my garment, and by a smile, a letter, a word, a touch of sympathy and love, meet the need and satisfy the longing of some human souls. If it be only a cup of cold water for one of Thy little ones, let me carry it for Thy sweet sake, and to-night may I hear Thee say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

¶ To-day my life may be the only Bible some person will read. So teach me how to understand and incarnate Thy truth, that my life may be a living message, written with the Spirit of the living God. To-day, precious Christ, let me become more like Thee, and let each to-morrow be but a daily transformation into Thy image, whom, having not seen, I love, until that promised day comes when I shall be really like Thee, for I shall see Thee as Thou art. Dear Father, grant these petitions in the name of Thy dear Son, the little babe born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago and one day born in my heart. Amen.

—Ruth Paxson. By permission.

Bible Reading

SERVICE

JOSHUA 24:13-25

The Keynote of this Bible reading is the word *Serve*.

1. *Salvation is the ground of service.*

Israel testifies what the Lord had saved them from, and in consequence they recognize that they ought to serve the Lord. This same principle is emphasized in relation to the believer in Christ. We do not serve to be saved, but we are saved to serve. Eph. 2:8-10.

2. *Separation is the forerunner of Service.*

The vessels which God uses must be clean. Is. 52:11.

We also must put away the idols of the love of the world. John 2:15.
The pride of the flesh. III. John 3:9.

The energy of human method for the Lord's work. I. Cor. 2:13-14.

The applause of men. John 5:44.

3. *Singleness of aim the strength of Service.*

The Lord demands our absolute service.

"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord." Col. 3:23.

"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31.

How much better things would be done if in everything we did it as to, and for the Lord Himself.

4. *The Joy of Service.* As we work for Him.

"So that I might finish my course with joy." Acts 20:24.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

General Laws for the Guidance of the Leader

BEGIN exactly on time.

Close promptly at the appointed time.

Don't let people go over their time.

Don't allow members to read their parts.

Don't choose your hymns hurriedly.

Plan the devotional service carefully.

Season the whole programme with *prayer*.

For the past six months we have been following the "Simple Programmes for Busy People" prepared for Missionary Societies and Study Groups who are using "Prayer and Missions", by Helen Barrett Montgomery. As this text-book is to be in use until September, and as it contains more than sufficient material for a full year's study, we would

suggest that, for a change, Auxiliaries might follow a question and answer method, using the following suggestions as a basis on which to build an interesting programme on Chapter I.:

1. What evidence can you give that the Bible has become the world's prayer book?

2. Why is the present study important?

3. Name ten great pray -ers of the Old Testament and ten of the New Testament.

4. In what part of the Bible do you find the greatest prayer lessons?

5. In what ways is Jesus' habitual prayerfulness a lesson?

6. Mention a teaching of Jesus that shows how he regards prayer.

7. List ten great examples of the prayer life of the early church as found in the Acts.

8. Mention the most striking example of Paul's prayerfulness.

9. Mention the most beautiful benediction in the New Testament.

10. Let the leader close the meeting with the extract by James Hastings.

"We get to know our friends better by conversation and familiar intercourse. And so shall we get to know God better by conversing with Him. But we are very apt to forget that if the conversation is to do this work, it must not be one-sided; and our ordinary conversation with God is terribly one-sided. We insist on doing all the talking ourselves. We go straight through our prayer without taking breath, and then get up and run away, without leaving a moment to God in which He may talk to us. It is no wonder that such prayers do not much advance our knowledge of Him, to whom we speak, and to whom we refuse to listen."

—James Hastings.

C. G. I. T.

Suggested Programme for March

LET the March winds bring news of the W.M.S. Hospital which is quickly getting into working order at South Porcupine, Northern Ontario. Miss Chambers, the newly appointed Superintendent, who has recently returned from inspecting the building, is full of hope and enthusiasm for this opportunity of service. She feels the Presbyterian Hospital is going to mean a great deal in the life of the community and that every W.M.S. woman and C.G.I.T. girl will be proud to have a part in the equipment. When asked in what way the C.G.I.T. groups could help to the best advantage, she named the following supplies:

Bandages of factory cotton, 2 in.; 2½ in. and 3½ in.; cheesecloth handkerchiefs; wash cloths; bundles of old linen and dusters.

In planning the missionary programme for this month, attention is drawn to the *slides** on Northern Ontario including the New Liskeard School Home, also the *booklet** which fully describes this new part of Canada.

*The slides may be obtained from the head office, Room 103, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, the sender to pay carriage both ways. Price of booklet is 5c.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for March

BASED ON STUDY BOOK, "BRAVE ADVENTURERS"

Whene'er I take my walks abroad,
How many poor I see!
What shall I render to my God
For all His gifts to me?

Isaac Watts.

THE LIVES of St. Augustine, born in the year 354, and Samuel J. Mills, born in 1786, both teach lessons of service to the Mission Band boys and girls in this twentieth century. Augustine went abroad and, after much travel and study, brought back to Africa the great blessing of Christianity. Mills also studied and sought for the truth, but he stayed at home and sent the message abroad. So to-day, some set sail while others remain behind; but all may serve and none are too young. Think of the five boys under the haystack that rainy day and how far their influence has been broadcasted. Let every boat in our Mission Band fleet run up the Stars and Stripes in memory of those Brave Adventurers.

The thought of their service causes some to wonder what can be done now to help the other half of the world to know about Jesus and His love. Perhaps these few facts stated by Sherwood Eddy in "The Missionary Review of the World" may show a way.

"Here in Christian America we spend three times as much—for chewing gum as would give the Gospel to half a world; twelve times as much as for soda water; seventeen times as much for candy as for world-wide missions; one hundred times as much for moving pictures."

Opening Hymn—"Come to the Saviour, make no delay." Bible Lesson Matt. 26:31-41. Prayer. Hymn—"The wise may bring their learning." Roll call. Business. Offering. Lesson for the day—"Brave Adventurers, Chapter 6. Closing Hymn—"God of Heaven, hear our singing."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. DAVID A. SMITH, 175-10TH AVE. W., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

THE British Columbia members of the W.M.S. are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of our Field Secretary, Miss Pelton, in Vancouver, about the 17th of January. She will proceed the next day to Victoria, and will be present at the annual meeting of Victoria Presbyterial on January 18th and 19th. She will spend several weeks visiting in the province.

Westminster P.S.—The members of Central Church, Vancouver, held a splendid thank-offering meeting at the home of one of the members, when the special visitors were Mrs. J. Herd, Presbyterial President and Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor of Toronto. Both ladies gave timely messages. The main feature of the meeting was the reading of the texts contained in the thank-offering envelopes. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. J. Petrie by Mrs. Donald McLeod. The thank-offering that day amounted to \$126.60.

Note.—The Provincial Press Secretary regrets exceedingly that a very serious mistake was made in reporting last month's regular meeting and offering in this Church as the thank-offering.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT OUR CHINESE MISSIONS

Our two British Columbia Chinese missions held most successful entertainments during the Christmas holidays. One of the most interesting points in connection with both concerts was the large number of Canadian friends present, representing almost every Presbyterian Church in both cities. The Chinese are delighted at the interest being shown in their work by our people.

In Vancouver the building was filled with visitors, many of whom commented on the fine English spoken and sung by the Chinese children. Recitations, carols, and a sacred tableau were splendidly given, and a delightful Chinese fan drill in costume was especially pleasing to the audience. Useful gifts provided by the Churches were distributed from a large Christmas tree, and dainty refreshments were served by the Chinese young men.

Victoria.—On the evening of Dec. 23rd, the Chinese Presbyterian Sunday School held their annual concert and Christmas tree in their Church on North Park Street. The Church was packed with the Chinese parents and friends from the different churches of the city.

An excellent programme of carols and choruses was given in English by the pupils of the Sunday School and Music Club. Also a duet by the

Misses Koo and Chew, and two Pantomimes, entitled "Last Rose of Summer", and "Silent Night" were much enjoyed. Some very interesting numbers were given in Chinese by the pupils of the Chinese afternoon school and the young men. Then followed the distribution of the many gifts from the Christmas tree after which refreshments were served by the young men of the mission.

ONTARIO

MRS. A. M. EKINS, BOX 304, HESPELER, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting of Toronto Presbyterial

THE annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial Society will be held in Knox Church, Toronto, on February 25th and 26th. Delegates desiring billets are asked to send their names to Mrs. T. R. Barford, 11 Dalton Road, Toronto, Convener of the Billeting Committee.

Paris P. S.—There has been a steady increase in the re-building of the broken walls. Never before was the interest in things spiritual as keen as now, and all departments are most flourishing. The Minority Groups are forging ahead happily, although a bit crippled.

Thank-offering meetings have been held in most societies with large returns. Several Life Memberships were presented. Woodstock W.M.S. reports 100 per cent. membership rolls. We are deeply indebted to the following speakers, Dr. Goforth, China, Miss Watt, Rev. D. E. and Mrs. McDonald and Dr. Wilkie, India, Miss Pelton, Travelling Secretary and Mrs. McCosh, Presbyterial President.

Algoma P.S.—We have had a busy time here, organizing and "Carrying on," but things have gone so smoothly we feel we have every reason to be thankful.

Glengarry P.S.—The Lord is blessing our work in Glengarry. Our women were few when we organized, but the vacancies are being filled up rapidly.

Bruce and Owen Sound.—The situation through this Presbyterial is most encouraging. Wherever there is a Church or a Minority Group a missionary organization is to be found. Rev. B. D. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong of Kongmoon, South China, gave very fine addresses at their Thank-offering meetings which, in every instance, were reported as very successful and interesting.

Give me within the work which calls to-day,
To see Thy finger gently beckoning on;
So struggle grows to freedom, work to play,
And toils begun from Thee to Thee are done.

—J. F. Clarke.

Life Members

Quebec Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Wm. Laidlaw and Mrs. F. H. A. Baxter, Kensington Aux., N. D. G., Montreal; Mrs. J. D. Anderson, Miss A. Hunter, Miss B. G. Kilgour and Miss M. Kilgour, Beauharnois Aux.; Miss Annie Paterson McDowall and Miss Barbara Jones Dougherty, "Agnes Dickson" Aux., Knox Cres., Montreal; Mrs. Julia Strath and Mrs. J. H. S. Parke, MacVicar Aux., Montreal; Mrs. D. J. Fraser, Mrs. John Farquhar and Mrs. R. F. MacDonald, St. Andrew's Aux., Sherbrooke; Mrs. Wm. Currie, Mrs. John Doig, Miss Violet Dunn, Mrs. A. E. Garrow, Mrs. W. S. Keith, Miss Maud Lamb, Mrs. G. E. Robertson, Mrs. J. H. Smelzer and Mrs. H. Wrighton, all of Knox Crescent Aux., Montreal.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Miss Agnes Erskine, Miss Mary Proctor, St. Matthews, C.G.I.T., Montreal.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. James Alves, Knox Crescent Aux., Montreal.

Correction under Quebec Provincial, p. 26, January Number—Mrs. Hawthorne's initials should be J. A. not J. C., and "In Memoriam" was given by Mrs. Duncan Gordon of Stanley Aux. to Mr. Edgar Dey and family.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. James Glen, Mrs. James Cameron, Mrs. A. W. MacNaughton, Mrs. John Glen, and Mrs. Howard Turnbull, Bricrest Aux.; Mrs. George Hendry, Stonaway and Dunleith Aux.; Mrs. P. H. Kelley, Estevan Aux.

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

First Seals.—Charlotte Spedding and Nettie Farquhar, "Coral" M. B., Parkdale, Toronto; Margaret Johnson, and Beatrice Hornsby, Midland M. B.; Jean Gillespie, Jr. M. B., Dovercourt Rd., Toronto.

Second Seals.—Margaret McKendry and Marjorie Wilson, Midland M. B.

Second and Third Seals.—Crawford Smith, "Coral" M. B., Parkdale, Toronto.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Miss Marjory McLean, Duff Aux., Puslinch, by her sister; Mr. William Bremner, by Mrs. William Bremner, Central Ch. Aux., Hamilton; Mrs. James Moffatt, by her daughter Mrs. W. McEwan, Victoria Ch., Toronto; Miss Kathleen Seeter, by Mrs. Robinson Pirie, Dundas Aux.; Miss Marion Ogilvie, by her mother Mrs. Ogilvie, Home Circle Aux., St. Paul's, Hamilton; D. J. D. Bissonnette, by Mrs. Bissonnette, "Maple Leaf" M. B., St. Andrew's Aux., Stirling; Mrs. Jane A. Moore, by her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Turner, Knox Aux., Leamington.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

British Columbia

Westminster P. S.—Murrayville W.M.S.; St. Andrew's W.M.S., North Vancouver.

Ontario

Brockville P.S.—Cardinal M. B.; Iroquois M. B.; Morrisburg M. B.; Prescott M. B.; Ventnor M. B.; Winchester M. B.

Hamilton P.S.—McNab St. Ch. Junior M. B., Hamilton; St. Andrew's

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London P.S.—Komoka M. B.

Ottawa P.S.—Smith's Falls Junior M. B. and Senior M. B.

Toronto P. S.—The Beaches M. B., Toronto; The Hill District M. B., Toronto; Royce Ave. Ch. M. B., Toronto; St. John's Ch. M. B., Toronto; Todmorden M. B., Toronto; Scarboro M. B.; Brampton M. B.; Glebe Ch. M. B., Toronto; Oakville Junior and Senior M. B.; Milton M. B.; Woodbridge M. B.; Bonar M. B. and Wychwood M. B., Toronto; Mimico M. B.; Streetsville M. B.; Weston M. B.; Long Branch M. B.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert—**Saskatoon P.S.**—Kindersley W.M.S.; St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon.

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How to use	.15	Life and Membership Pins	
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cloth	.75		

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1926

NATIONAL MISSIONS

SCHOOL HOMES

New Liskeard, Ont.—

Matron's Salary.....	\$616.50
Assistant.....	300.00
Taxes.....	167.48
Repairs.....	100.00
Insurance.....	60.00
Contingency.....	100.00

\$1,343.98

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—

Superintendent's salary.....	\$1,080.00
1st Nurse.....	900.00
2nd Nurse.....	780.00
Insurance.....	60.00
Coal.....	300.00
Alterations and Furnace, etc. (still to be paid)	4,500.00
Maintenance, not yet known.....	
Contingency.....	300.00
Drug Contingency.....	200.00

\$8,120.00

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese Work—

Toronto—Miss Dickson, salary (part time)...	\$1,000.00
Contingency.....	350.00
Montreal—Miss Mary Hugill, salary.....	1,100.00
Expenses.....	120.00
Victoria—Mrs. McQueen, salary.....	600.00
Contingency.....	300.00

Persian Work—

Mr. Eshoo, (part salary).....	650.00
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\$4,120.00

SOCIAL SERVICE

Toronto—

Miss M. C. Murray, salary.....	\$1,135.00
Expenses.....	155.00
Miss McDonald (honorarium).....	250.00
Expenses.....	36.00
Miss Gunn, Salary and Expenses.....	1,080.00

Hamilton—

Miss Margaret Allen, salary.....	900.00
Expenses.....	120.00

Montreal—

Miss Lily MacArthur, salary.....	1,088.00
Expenses.....	120.00

Quebec—

Miss Scott, salary (part time).....	300.00
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Gonor (Selkirk), Man.—

Mrs. MacKenzie, salary (part time).....	\$600.00
Assistant.....	800.00
Incidentals and taxes.....	200.00

\$6,784.00

OVERSEAS WORK**Gwalior, India—**

Two salaries for four months.....	\$ 400.00
Travelling expenses.....	1,000.00
Outfits.....	400.00
Contingencies and expansion.....	500.00

\$2,300 00

Bhil Field, India—

Miss Robson, salary.....	\$1,000.00
Expenses.....	200.00

\$1,200.00

South China—

Miss Reid (on furlough).....	\$1,000.00
Miss Dulmage, loaned to 'The Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong.....	1,000.00
Dr. Jessie MacBean (salary, at Hackett Medi- cal College, Canton).....	1,000.00
Unit of Support, Hackett Medical College....	1,000.00
Miss Crockett (on furlough).....	900.00

\$4,900.00

Tokio, Japan—

Grant to Miss Caroline Macdonald for Night School for Factory Girls.....	\$2,000.00
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PUBLICATIONS

Editor, salary.....	\$1,500.00
Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, salary.....	1,200.00
Office rent (partial).....	540.00
New publications.....	500.00
Contingency.....	1,300.00

\$5,040.00

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\$400.00

ORGANIZATION

Field Secretary, salary (voluntary).....	
Expenses.....	\$600.00
Missionaries' deputation work.....	300.00

\$900.00

STUDENT

Expenses.....	
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\$150.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Pensions.....	\$ 340.00
Renewals and Furnishings.....	8,000.00
Library grant.....	250.00
Education of medical and other workers.....	325.00

\$8,915.00

ADMINISTRATION

Office rent, (partial).....	\$ 540.00
Book Keeper's salary.....	1,200.00
Postage, printing, telegrams, stationery, office expenses.....	800.00
Fee, Federated Boards.....	50.00
Bonding and Auditing—	150.00
Council Executive members' attendance at Federated Board meetings and deputation work, etc.....	500.00
Annual Meeting of Council Executive.....	
Annual Report and report forms.....	1,500.00

\$4,740.00

PROPOSED NEW WORK

Hospitals.....	\$10,000.00
School Homes (2).....	15,000.00
Indian Work.....	10,000.00
Orientalists in Canada.....	1,000.00
Social Service—	
Deaconess (2).....	2,000.00
Welcome and Welfare.....	1,000.00
Field Secretary.....	1,200.00

\$40,200.00

And such other work as may be given to us by the commission.

All these estimates are necessarily approximate only.

SUMMARY

National Missions—	
School Homes.....	\$1,343.98
Hospitals.....	8,120.00
Orientalists in Canada.....	4,120.00
Social Service.....	6,784.00
	\$20,367.98
Overseas' Work—	
Gwalior, India.....	\$2,300.00
Bhil Field, India.....	1,200.00
South China.....	4,900.00
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	10,400.00
Publications.....	5,040.00
Christian Literature.....	400.00
Organization.....	900.00
Student.....	150.00
Miscellaneous.....	8,915.00
Administration.....	4,740.00
Proposed New Work.....	40,200.00
General Contingency.....	8,887.02

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They call her DAYA MUNI, a PEARL OF GRACE.

Experts tell us that pearls are formed at the expense of the shell. Hence, the normal-looking oyster shell does not usually produce pearls. The finest of these gems are found in the deformed, crippled and dwarfed shells.

DAYA MUNI was a leper in the largest station of the Mission to Lepers, Purulia, India. With limbs gradually disappearing, constantly in pain, drawn about in a little cart, she bore witness to the power of God's grace by her patience, gratitude and cheerfulness.

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Pearls formed at the expense of the shell.

When He cometh to make up His jewels, and to be admired in all them that believe, many lepers shall come from the East, and the West, and, with bodies like unto Christ's glorious body.

Shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.

It is the work of the Mission to Lepers to gather in these gems.

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Editorial

THE BEAUTIFUL BOARD ROOM OF KNOX COLLEGE, where our Council Executive now meets, has witnessed many gatherings, but for solemnity and impressiveness none could surpass that at which our financial returns for the past six months were made known. The moment was tense, as the Treasurer arose to announce the sum—\$100,485.32. In the silence that followed, the present was for the moment forgotten, for we were seeing, in place of the dark past, the brightness of noonday, and we knew it was because our members all over Canada—the rich, the poor, the old, and even the little children, had not forgotten the Lord at His treasury. And the prayer of each heart was the outcry of the Psalmist: “The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad!”

IN READING THE ESTIMATES we hope that no one will overlook the line in black type which immediately follows the list of *proposed new work*, for it contains the policy of the W.M.S. to maintain a strong work overseas as well as a strong work at home. The actual foreign work which we shall undertake depends on the action of the Commission. Until that is known no definite pronouncement can be made regarding new work. We are, however, making financial provision for the continuance and expansion of old work that may come to us, or for new work that we may be able to undertake after the decision of the Commission is made known.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in Saskatoon, Sask., on May 19th, 20th and 21st. Saskatchewan Provincial is delighted at the decision and feels, as does the Council Executive, that it will strengthen both work and workers to hold the meeting where a large Western representation will be assured. We would ask the prayers of our members that the Executive may be guided in planning for this important gathering.

DR. J. A. HOFMANN, President of the Hackett Medical College for Women, Canton, China, has sent a most appreciative letter regarding the assignment by our W.M.S. of Dr. Jessie MacBean to this College. He says: “The letter announcing your action was one of the finest Christmas presents we have received for a long time. Dr. MacBean is already with

us and hard at work in her chosen field of service—obstetrics. She has been put in charge of the department in the Medical College, the School of Nursing and the hospital. Needless to say she is very happy in it.

The entire staff is delighted with your wish not only to support Dr. MacBean but also to undertake a definite unit of this work. The policy of the College is to make the work self-supporting so far as current expenses go, and in this they have succeeded. The entire plant has been growing by leaps and bounds during the last few years. An interesting fact is that this work has been entirely uninterrupted during all the trouble. In the summer when the entire foreign staff was forced to leave the city the excellent native staff carried on the whole work in a most efficient manner.”

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD OF TOKYO, to whom our W.M.S. is giving a grant of \$2,000 for her Night School among Factory Girls, writes that she feels this gift will mean a very great deal to them, as they are at the beginning of an entirely new field of work in Japan. The working people there are very susceptible to appreciation and sympathy, and Miss Macdonald's prayer is that, through the work with which we are co-operating, they shall be able to reveal to them Christ, and His marvellous gospel in all its fulness.

TWO OF THE VETERAN MISSIONARIES OF OUR CHURCH have returned to their fields of labor, Dr. Wilkie to India and Dr. Goforth to China. Dr. Wilkie sailed on November 25th; Dr. and Mrs. Goforth on March 3rd. Word has come of the safe arrival in India of Dr. Wilkie. Both these missionaries carried with them the memory of wonderful farewell gatherings. Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was the scene of the one tendered to Dr. Wilkie. It was his home Church, and here, surrounded by representatives of the Boards of the Church, members of the congregation and friends from all over the city, he was bidden God speed. This veteran missionary, with forty years' service in India, holds a very warm place in the hearts of Presbyterians throughout Canada, and all rejoice that he has returned to his field backed by the prayers and financial support of the Presbyterian Church.

On February 9th, an audience that taxed Knox Church to its capacity, gathered to bid farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, who are returning to China where they have served for the past thirty-eight years. Dr. Goforth will engage in evangelistic work in connection with General Feng's Christian army and also open up work for our Church. The farewells to such men as Dr. Wilkie and Dr. Goforth is a challenge to the young manhood of our Church.

THE ALTERATIONS IN OUR SOUTH PORCUPINE HOSPITAL are rapidly nearing completion. Miss Chambers, the Lady Superintendent, left Toronto on January 28th to get everything in readiness for the official opening on February 17th. She found a vast improvement in the building since November, when she went up to see about the necessary changes. She says that when everything is finished the hospital is going to be very compact and comfortable. The furnace which has been installed is most satisfactory, and the whole building is nice and warm on the coldest day, and that is saying a great deal.

THE NEED OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT is growing, and much interest is being shown in it throughout our constituency. To help new Secretaries, a letter has been prepared outlining their duties and the procedure to be followed in sending out books. This will be forwarded to Presbyterial Library Secretaries. It urges three things: That the books sent in be in good condition; that Sunday School papers which have been left over, rather than those which have been distributed, be forwarded; that Auxiliaries work through Presbyterial and Provincial Secretaries, and do not send books direct to Toronto, as it means additional expense to reship them; also that this year, every Presbyterial appoint a Library Secretary.

OUR LANTERN SLIDE DEPARTMENT has now twenty-seven slides on our Gwalior work, eleven on our work in Japan, ten on our Indian work, seven on our Chinese work in Canada, and thirteen on our Presbyterian School Home in New Liskeard and our All People's Mission at Gonor, (Selkirk), Manitoba. The last two have been in great demand, and we can assure our members that the new ones are equally interesting.

Mrs. G. J. Vanstone, 142 Monarch Park Avenue, Toronto, has been appointed Secretary for Ontario. All applications should be sent to her address.

TO THE PRESS SECRETARY FOR ALBERTA PROVINCIAL SOCIETY falls the honor of thinking through and carrying out a plan to create and maintain missionary interest of unorganized Minority Groups and women in remote places. First she got from the clerk of Synod a list of the Presbyterian Minorities and the representative of each. She then wrote to the representative suggesting the address of a woman in the district who would receive a monthly letter from her, disseminate the news at a gathering of the women in the district, one afternoon a month, or in any other way convenient, and keep her in touch with the Church doings of the district. In response to this letter, Vermilion is organizing an Auxiliary.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF MRS. HENRY PILLAR, President of British Columbia Provincial Society, will learn with deep regret of the sorrow that has befallen her in the death of her husband, which sad event took place on January 17th. On behalf of our members, we would extend to Mrs. Pillar our prayerful sympathy in this the time of her deep affliction.

A FEW SENTENCES from a letter from the Northland, where the people are few and money is scarce, shows how the desire to serve has taken hold of our women. The writer says: "We are again settled down to work in the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society, after the split. We have sixteen members—all splendid women. I am President and, although we have heaps to do for our own congregation, without Church or Manse, we felt we would like to link up with the Presbyterian W.M.S. We thought that while we might not give much money, we might make quilts or other needful articles this winter."

CHANGES IN SECRETARYSHIPS on the Council Executive, and the addition of six new members are reported. Miss M. M. Reid has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor as Recording Secretary, and Mrs. J. M. Poole, has taken the Y. W. Secretaryship, previously held by Miss Reid. One resignation, that of Miss M. Robertson, Secretary of the Lantern Slide Department is regretfully announced. The new members are: Mrs. L. C. Ellison, Mrs. W. G. Hanna, Mrs. C. W. McMullen, Miss E. Muir, Mrs. A. B. Rice, Mrs. A. R. Riddell. These ladies bring rich and varied gifts to the work of our W.M.S.

THE "GIRDLE ROUND THE EARTH", the official report of the International Union of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches has just come to hand. This Union held its Eighth Conference in Cardiff, Wales on June 30th and July 1st, 1925. Delegates were present from fifteen societies, and greetings were received from seven more, our W.M.S. being one of the seven. The text of the message was:

"We have great pleasure in extending our hearty greetings and best wishes for much success and blessing on your meetings. We have long been connected with the 'International Union'."

It was also of interest to see, that both the Eastern and Western Divisions of our W.M.S. had an honored place in the list of the Associated Societies which form the International Union.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY has expended during the last year over \$2,000,000. Of this amount only about \$750,000 was returned from sales. This statement gives some idea of what this organiza-

tion—founded one hundred and twenty-five years ago—is doing to-day to give the Word of Life to those who need it. The Bible Society supplies the Scriptures required by all missionary enterprises of every Christian communion. It is a most effective co-operative enterprise of the different branches of the church, the servant of all, distributing the Scriptures in 570 languages, without word or comment.

WOULD ANY ONE POSSESSING BIBLES suitable for pulpit use kindly communicate with our Library Secretary, Miss I. S. Pringle, 30 Lowther Avenue, Toronto 5. Many Minority Groups would be very grateful for them.

A Message from the Treasurer

I AM sure that every member of our W.M.S. who reads the following splendid statement of the total of our givings since June the tenth, will join with us in a song of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the wonderful way in which He has blessed our efforts.

Your Executive Council has been amazed at the way in which the money has come in from every part of our country—large sums and small sums, but all testifying to the zeal and faithfulness of our splendid Presbyterian women. May God give us strength and courage to do even better this year, so that our work may go forward and increase as He would have it do.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 10th TO DECEMBER 31st, 1925

Provincial Givings:

Alberta	\$ 2,365.00
British Columbia	2,516.05
Manitoba	2,068.30
Ontario	80,022.16
Quebec	7,128.00
Saskatchewan	1,341.55
Individual	974.62

\$ 96,415.68

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(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,

Treasurer.

Editorial Notes

IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE of *Glad Tidings*, a list of our Ontario Mission Bands, long years in existence, inadvertently appeared under "New Organizations." This list was evidently intended to supplement the partial list of Bands which was published in the W.M.S. number of the *Bulletin*.

NOTICE OF MOTION.—The Council Executive gives notice of certain corrections and slight additions that will be necessary to the Constitution and By-laws, the detail of which will be laid before the Council meeting.

IF ANY OF OUR MAGAZINE SECRETARIES have received duplicate copies of the January *Glad Tidings*, and have not distributed them, would they kindly return them to the Head Office, 103-320 Bay Street, Toronto, as the edition is exhausted. Any orders coming in now will have to start with the February number. The subscriptions to date of issue number 17,000.

The Foreign Missions Conferences

MRS. D. T. L. MCKERROLL.

AGAIN this year it was the duty and privilege of two members of the Council Executive to be present at the two conferences on Foreign Missions held in Atlantic City. The President and First Vice-President were charged with this mission, and formed a part, first of the annual meeting of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, held January 9th, 10th and 11th, in Haddon Hall. Forty women's boards co-operate in this Federation.

The meetings, beginning with that of the Executive of the Federation, were full of interest, and in conduct of the meetings and in substance of programme the women's meeting took no second place to that of the Conference of Foreign Mission Boards of North America which followed on January 12th to 15th. The latter was attended by 338 representatives of 44 Foreign Mission Boards and 11 Missionary Societies out of "a possible delegation," to quote Miss Hodge, "of 1,000 men and 92 women." At this all were members of National Boards or were foreign missionaries, who were corresponding members. Four Presbyterians represented the Foreign Mission Board of our Church. Dr. Gibson, Dr. Stenhouse, Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. McKerroll.

Why go at all? This question might be asked by some people, who might not realize how fitting it was that, this year, our Church should take its place as usual. The representatives went to give information and to get inspiration. So persistent had been unionist propaganda

that surprise appeared to be felt by a few that even four individuals were not in the "Union"; and we were considered rather brave to come, until they found out about the strength of the Church we represented when amazement dawned on countenances and questions were asked which enabled us to give facts and figures which were enlightening.

Another reason for continuing our relationships with other Boards, is that many things can be done in co-operation less expensively, thus securing the good, without the evils, of united effort. Language schools, summer resorts in torrid lands, banking facilities, protection and advice, are some of the benefits each Board receives from time to time.

Why is it held at Atlantic City?

Convenience to New York City and Philadelphia, where so many Boards centre, is one reason. Then, too, January is an off season for that resort, like June at a Muskoka Hotel, and the hotel rates are less. Practically the whole of an hotel is secured for two to three hundred guests, and meetings are held in its assembly hall.

A long week of meetings found one in the lovely tan Vernon Hall practically from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., with short intervals for securing food and rest, broken by committees and luncheons of special groups. One felt singular sympathy with Dr. Weir Mitchell, who, when wearied with similar (however interesting) occasions, asked that on his tomb be put the epitaph "Committeed to the grave."

Even though weariness came at times, it was of the flesh only; the programmes were bright, and vital questions were ever before the assembly. Much the same problems were discussed at both Conferences. The topics were introduced usually by three speakers. Five or six questions bearing on the matter presented were on the programme, and the whole was thrown open to eager discussion for which the time was ever too short.

Various specialists made pleas for the work they knew best.

Mr. Paton of India, pled for seventy million Moslems in India with no one to give them the Gospel message. Two hundred and seventy million Moslems in Africa and Asia challenged us with practically no work yet attempted among hem.

The study books for next year, on the Moslem world, will help us to understand this great opportunity, to which as a Society we are committed, when decision can be made as to the site,—so many being open to us.

We heard of work among the Jews in Budapest, and of Latin America, so near us, yet so neglected. Now that Canadian power companies are in Brazil, and Canadian oil companies in Peru, perhaps Canada may respond by sending the eternal riches in return for the temporal ones obtained.

An instance was given of an old lady who wrote the deputation visiting South America, asking medical help. She so lucidly described her symptoms, that diagnosis could be made and a bottle of medicine was sent to her. It was packed in tiny bird shot for safety. The old lady wrote that the "liquid had quite cured her trouble, but she was sorry to say the little pills were causing her indigestion!" South America needs more available medical treatment instead of such long distance help.

"The Limitations of the Opium Traffic Report," rejoiced one, as we heard that production has been reduced from 200,000 acres to 7,000 acres. A Conference at Geneva to further this will be held before long.

Another Conference of interest was one announced for 1927 in regard to slavery, to abolish enforced labor in all nations.

Much time was spent on "The Prevention of War." Cæsar ruled the world with 300,000 soldiers, Napoleon dominated it with 400,000. But the number involved and the wastage of the Great War is almost inestimable—10 million dead, 9 million orphans, 10 million refugees, 5 million widows with 32 nations engaged.

The lesson of Germany and her training of the young in military ideals was brought before us. We were reminded that under the Mission Boards of North America are 28,000 teachers with 3,000,000 pupils. Could even these be reached with peace training and ideals, what a boon to the next generation. Then, too, see that boys and girls in our own countries are trained in ideals of peace. The question of military training in schools received some drastic comment. Each country might well inquire into her own procedure. In Japan, the women of the church demanded that war be taken out of school books and it was done. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Cronk brought various aspects of the question before us, asking every Board to support the League of Nations in some active way.

Race prejudice and the superiority complex was a kindred subject. Making friends with boys and girls of other nations was a help to young people. A World Friendship Syndicate Series, was planned for newspapers, and we were asked to get our papers to publish them.

A great Conference on Law Enforcement is called to meet in Washington on April 13 and 14, to help combat growing lawlessness. "There is no danger of the repeal of the Volstead Act, but of its non-enforcement."

Marvellous tributes were paid to the work of the missionaries of all countries. Mapmakers like Livingstone, grammar writers like Carey, school books, treaties, business, all had been helped or created or stimulated by these heroes and heroines of the Cross.

We heard of many problems which can not be enumerated here.

The "indigenous Church" was one. This title was repudiated on all sides. "A fetish of a name", said one missionary. South America refused the title. "The Indian Church, could only be an indigenous one and they were not Indians." One after another echoed scorn of the title.

A great deal of time was spent on the rising national feeling of nations, and its effects. In India, in China, in other countries this has begun or reached a high point. The questions involved should make us glad that independence is working its way. The same feeling is shown in the Church in many countries where Christianity is becoming strong. Some Societies have been sowing seed for one hundred and twenty-five years and the harvest is here. No longer must the missionary be father and guardian but brother and inspirer. "Do not send us bossy missionaries," said a young Ph.D. from China, "but helpers and brothers, those like Luther and Lincoln," was his naive request. Dr. Robert Speer, Chairman of the Conference, replied very aptly, when he "reminded the young gentleman that the bushes on which these men grew were four hundred years apart."

One felt that the Doxology should be sung at the growing independence of these Christian Churches in foreign fields. Questions involved are intricate such as the control of mission property, etc., etc., but these will be solved bit by bit.

Truly the harvest is great. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers into His Harvest."

These were days of inspiration and vision of the task. Your delegation were helped for their work as your administrators.

The Council of Women for Home Missions and The Home Missions Council

MRS. H. R. HORNE

ONE of the most interesting as well as one of the most effective demonstrations of denominational co-operation is found in the work of these two Councils. The Constituent Home Mission Boards of the Councils represent as wide a variety of denominational affiliation as they do extent of territory, for they embrace both the United States and Canada. The purpose of the Councils is to unify the efforts of the Home Mission Boards, both nationally and internationally, through consultation and co-operation.

The largely attended annual gathering was held this year in St. Louis, Mo., from January 21st to 25th. The Canadian delegation was made up

of representatives from the United Church and from the Presbyterian Church.

For the opening session the two Councils met separately, to transact such business as was peculiar to each, and to consider matters in which they would later have to give a joint decision. In the Women's Council, reports were received from Committees in charge of the preparation of Home Mission Study Courses, Schools of Missions, The Home Mission Institute, held annually at Chautauqua, N. Y., Student Conferences, Farm and Cannery Migrants, Legislature, Law Enforcement and World Peace. They also considered Amendments to the Constitution relating to the basis of membership and fees.

When the two Councils joined forces in joint sessions, Mrs. John Ferguson, Chairman of the Women's Council, and Dr. White, Chairman of the Home Missions Council, presided alternately. At these sessions the reports of the joint Standing Committees were presented. Discussion followed, and all recommendations presented in the reports were referred to a Business Committee to be reported on at the close of the meeting. The reports embraced a varied field of activity and investigation such as, Comity, Religious Privileges for the Blind, Literature and Publicity, Orientals, Hebrews, Church Building, Par Standards, Migrant Groups, Indian Affairs and New Americans.

The first addresses were fittingly given to a consideration of "The Greatness of the Task," and "The Oneness of the Task." Dr. White, in dealing with the greatness of the task, said that the spiritual conquest of the United States had been progressing through three centuries with a constantly moving frontier. Gradually, in the earlier settled districts, there had grown up, churches, colleges, and other religious institutions. National missionary organizations had been set up for the benefit of frontier points and the people had been taught to erect their altars where they ploughed their furrows. At one time a missionary writing from his western field to the Board in New York said: "I think you have made a mistake in sending us here, there can never be a settlement in this swamp." Chicago is there to-day. Those were days of foundation laying, it is ours to rear a fitting superstructure. Through the years we have learned to work co-operatively as far as possible, in our endeavor to spiritualize all contacts. We seek, too, to study together the over church, the under church and the no church community, and through co-operation to bring about the forty, the sixty, the hundred-fold results. We live in a country where all nations are represented. Ours is a task no other group has ever been asked to undertake; ours is an interstate, an intertribal, an interracial, yes, an intercontinental task, but we are studying it in a co-operative way, and we hope to do it well.

Mrs. Ferguson spoke on the Oneness of the Task. One for the reign

of righteousness in the affairs of man. One for the Master's Spirit which alone can harmonize all life. A great task requires a great co-operation. We represent a wide territory, different communions, many races, but "In Christ there is no East or West." We are as different buildings growing together into a great temple. It is not uniformity and sameness that we need, but unity of spirit and of purpose to accomplish our task. Shall the Church surrender her place of leadership in the realm of co-operation when that spirit is abroad in labor and in industry?

With the passing of the years our Home Mission programme has changed. To-day it is not a problem of frontiers but of groups of people within our country—thousands of foreign students, thousands of new comers from all lands, thousands of negroes. All these have their contribution to make to our nation and we have an obligation to discharge toward them. The impact of unified Christian forces has already achieved great victories. It will achieve still greater. When we speak as with one voice in a unity of purpose the world will hear our message.

The stirring address on "The Essential Factors in Building a National Conscience," gave many suggestive thoughts. It is founded, the speaker said, on Christianity and based on true patriotism. Good citizens should have themselves under complete control mentally, physically and morally, if they are to do their whole duty to God and to man. The core of a national Christian conscience lies in righteousness founded on faith in God. Our lives are getting too easy; we look too much for pleasure and comfort. A national Christian conscience will realize that God made man for big things. A national Christian conscience will be heroic in the face of difficulties; it will carve out great things to do. Evangelism is related to its building, for evangelism is the disclosure of the Gospel of Christ. That Gospel should be the dominant note in all preaching, for in it lies the dynamic of the national Christian conscience, it holds the cure for materialism. It will help us to overcome our peculiar temptation of presumption, and hinder us from thinking of domination and isolation instead of co-operation; of ambition and selfishness instead of Jesus Christ. It will cause us to recognize and regard the rights of others. The Gospel does not reveal a form of government—but its principles will solve the problems of government. Belief may listen, but do nothing, whereas conviction not only listens but acts. A national Christian conscience must be built, not alone on belief, but on conviction if it is to secure that which is great and good for the nation.

In the discussion of work among the Spanish speaking people of America, the conviction was that Social Service not founded on religion is wasteful.

The Mormon problem revealed some startling figures. We were told that the Mormon Church numbers five hundred thousand, and is increasing

at the rate of twenty-five thousand annually. Their devotion to their Church, their loyalty in tithing, their voluntary missionary service, and their system of colonization were all commended to the attention of the members of Christian Churches. We were reminded, that in order to commend to such a people, the truths of Christianity as we hold them, we must see to it that we are not ignorant of the aims and doctrines of our Church, that we are not selfish rather than sacrificing in our service, and that we are steadfast in our faith. The Mormon problem needs our best men and the convincing evidence of consistent Christian living, for "The inquiring Mormon is looking us over."

One of the workers among migrant groups gave a vivid word picture of the conditions under which many of these people live who move from place to place to harvest the varying crops, and prepare them in the canneries for the markets of the world. She told of the untaught children, of their often neglected condition, because of the mothers' busy days, of the temptation of camp life, and then of the work being done for them, through the Councils for Home Missions, how they are followed with schools and nurseries for the children, night classes for the workers, wholesome amusements and religious services.

Mr Greyearth, an Indian pastor and director of Religious instruction in one of the Indian Schools, told of "My People." He said the Indian is not returning to the blanket. A new era is dawning for him, but it has its problems. The Indians are seeking for their own road, not for the white man's road, and often his situation is not only critical but pathetic. More of them are resorting to the cities to seek employment, and from this there arises serious social problems. We should be doing more to bridge over for our Indians this difficult transition period. "Only the new heart will produce the right type of new Indian."

One evening was given to the students, and four of them spoke. They told of their desire to attain to the highest in faith and service, and made an earnest plea for "more team work with the adults." They felt that youth had a fine contribution of enthusiasm and life to make to the work of adults, one of them saying with great frankness, that there would be less criticism from youth; if youth had more share in control.

Dr. McDowell followed with a fine statement on some of the Essentials of True Religion. It must be, first, real or rational. Some one had said that "Everything" is what old people *respect*, the middle aged *suspect* and the young people *know*, but a Religion without mystery would be a religion without a God big enough to be a God. We need not see our religion to hold our faith, nor need we be ashamed to reason, or afraid to believe. Our religion must be *practical*. It must not be of the rocking horse variety, plenty of motion but no progress, that kind is doomed. There must be progress. Our religion must be *paternal*. Love thy brother love

thy neighbor. Our religion must be *spiritual*. It must not be satisfied with material progress, but must exemplify the highest and the best spiritually. Real, practical paternal, spiritual religion has a message and a conquering power that nothing can withstand.

On Sunday the city pulpits were occupied by the leaders of the Councils, both men and women.

At the closing session, an able address, on the "Place of the Negro Church in the Christian Life of the City," was given by one of the Negro pastors, Dr. G. E. Stevens. He spoke of the need for instructive preaching, of close adherence to the great fundamental truths of the Gospel, and at the close told of his assistant pastor and one of his deacons who had come along to pray for him as he gave his message on behalf of his people.

The annual gathering of these great Councils must surely create among the Boards comprising them a keener sympathy through a fuller knowledge of their individual problems. It must widen the horizon and intensify the realization of the urgency for haste in spreading the Gospel message even in favored North America.

What a Visitor at Three Presbyterial Meetings Thought

OVER and over it came to me that one could easily imagine one's self back in an old Presbyterial meeting, save for occasional reference to the upheaval, and the absence of some familiar faces.

There were the same large gatherings—more enthusiastic than ever. I counted one hundred and twenty-five delegates when the Stratford roll was called. I should say there were about one hundred and fifty present, and the reports were splendid. Twenty Auxiliaries and four organized Groups were reported. Mrs. Duncan gave the closing message. One thought stayed with me: "Prepare for great things to happen through willing, unopposing souls."

London, of course, had the largest meeting, I should say there were about one hundred and seventy-five present. I do not know how many were delegates. They had sent in \$4,462 and their supplies, with the supply money, amounted to over \$2,000. They reported only one congregation without an Auxiliary, and seven district Vice-Presidents.

One nice incident was a letter the President had received from an Auxiliary, saying they were sending in a library which had come to them, though there had not been any call from the Presbyterial for one. The next day, Mrs. Kelly received a call for one, and there it was. One of her closing messages was, "Keep on being ready."

Paris had some interesting things to report. One place where there

was no Auxiliary, sent in a thank-offering of \$26.00. One Society holds two meetings each month—one missionary and one for local church work. One group of twenty-five members has an average attendance of forty! One Society reports one meeting attended by twenty-six women and twenty-six men!

OUR LETTER BOX

Winnipeg.

I had such a wonderful letter from Mrs. McKenzie of Gonor, to-day. Our Mission Band at Norman Hall, Winnipeg, sent a Christmas gift for each of Mrs. McKenzie's children, all nicely done up, and then Mrs. Fisher suggested that they send Mrs. McKenzie herself a Christmas present, so they sent half a dozen china cups and saucers. In her letter of thanks Mrs. McKenzie says:



ENLARGED HALL, ALL PEOPLES' MISSION,
GONOR, MANITOBA.

"We are enjoying the utmost comfort in our little hall. We were able to entertain one hundred at our Christmas entertainment on the 29th of December. We limited the invitations to our space. The re-opening service on the 13th of December was conducted by the Rev. Mr. McIntosh of Selkirk, at 3 p.m. He then dispensed both sacraments. We had a special preparatory service, conducted by Rev. Mr. Niven in English and by Rev. Mr. Kiewenuski, a Ukrainian Baptist preacher from the

city, recommended by Mr. Niven. The first night he spoke for two and a half hours, and I imagined myself in the Highlands of Scotland listening to, but not understanding, a Gaelic preparatory service. The older people were so hungry for the message that we had him come out again for the 29th. He remained over for another service on the 30th. Then we had a watch-night service in English ourselves to close the old year and begin the new. The people showed their appreciation by liberal collections. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are humbly grateful for all the tokens that assure us that He is with us.

Mrs. Leckie's article in *The Glad Tidings* advertized the Mission so that from far and near parcels have come, some by mail, some by express, and some by freight, to help gladden the Christmas for all connected with us. A Mission Band in Vancouver sent a parcel of Christmas cards, many of them beautifully hand painted. Two barrels of apples, and one of preserved fruit, weighing two hundred pounds, came from Paris Presbyterial, and a similar one from Barrie Presbyterial, etc., etc.

We had the mothers here for Christmas afternoon, and we had afternoon tea together (the choice tea set from Norman Hall was exhibited but not used), then we let them choose, for themselves and their children, anything they needed from the clothing on hand. Those serviceable coats that came from your ladies were much prized. I put a \$1.00 charge on each so that only those who really needed them would buy them, and six dollars were forthcoming. The children's garments were free, but over and above this they began to put silver bits on the table and wanted my sister to take them for the tea, which she refused, but suggested that if they wished it, she would put them in the mission box. This they were all delighted to do, and when we open it again, I expect to have something substantial to send to the Treasurer."

—Mrs. H. A. Robson.

New Liskeard.

"At Christmas time, Katherine McLean, by the unanimous vote of the family got the Bible as a prize for being the most helpful and obliging girl in the Home.

The children have just received the results of the Christmas examinations but not their reports. Margaret Tuck, (third year), average 71 marks; Emily Haughton, (first year), average 69 marks; Katharine McLean, (first year), average 68 marks; Dan, average 64 marks. They all did very well.

One little girl is not back yet. She had to walk seven miles through the bush after leaving the train, as there was no road. She got a bad cold, and is not able to get out yet."

—Miss McIlwaine.

Presbyterian Chinese Mission, Victoria, B.C.

"At this, the beginning of a New Year, we find that our Chinese Presbyterian Mission has much cause for gratitude to God in the evident signs of strength and growth.

The gathering in our mission, on December 23rd, for the annual concert and Christmas tree was a very large one, composed of Chinese friends and

a goodly number of English friends also. We were congratulated upon the good programme that the school presented, and our tree was well loaded with gifts for Sunday School scholars and their teachers. At the close a social hour was spent and refreshments were served by our Chinese young men.

Then on New Year's morning all the Presbyterian Sunday Schools of Victoria assembled in St. Andrew's Church and were addressed by the ministers and Sunday School workers of this Presbytery. The central pews were reserved for our Sunday School which filled a good large space and called forth special welcome and congratulations from the Chairman. Several adult Chinese were present also and we could not fail to note the keen appreciation felt by them at the warm welcome received.

Then on the 16th our Mission Band Rally was held, at which our Chinese Band took an active part in singing, choruses, repeating scripture, and in the demonstration of a model Mission Band. It was a great tribute of confidence on the part of our Mission Band Convener in selecting our Chinese Band for this last very important part.

On the 19th, at our annual Presbyterial meeting, our Chinese Auxiliary report was submitted together with that of six other Auxiliaries of this Presbytery. I was called upon to present our Chinese work at the second session to a very sympathetic band of women who are giving the work their prayerful and kindly interest. At this meeting we were privileged to have with us our Field Secretary, Miss Pelton, who won all hearts with her messages of cheer."

—Mrs. K. A. Macqueen.

Stratford.

"In response to your request for one hundred library books for Belgrave Minority Group, I sent out an appeal to all the Auxiliaries in Stratford Presbyterial and received two hundred and twenty-five good books. I selected one hundred and twenty-five which were almost new (some were), excellent reading, and quite suitable for a Sunday School library, and Mr. Mallion and I motored to Belgrave (fifty miles from Stratford) and delivered them to Mrs. Dunbar. The warm reception and thanks received more than repaid us for all the work entailed."

—Mrs. Mallion.

The Bible came this morning, and I cannot find words to express my heartfelt thanks. I know our little group will thoroughly appreciate the kind donation. We have just a library table for a pulpit and my husband is making a little desk to sit on the table so we shall be quite "churchy" looking.

—Saskatchewan.

Bible Reading

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

Your—Ezek. 3:17.

Spread—Ps. 126:6.

Privilege—John 17:18.

is to

Christianity—Rom. 6:23.

Everywhere—Rev. 5:9.

- THE COMMAND. —Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.
- THE ROUTE. —In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6.
- THE GUIDE. —I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. 32:8.
- THE COMPANION. —Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:20.
- THE FIELD. —For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. John 3:16.
- THE NEED. —How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Rom. 10:14.
- THE RESPONSIBILITY.—When I say unto the wicked thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Ezek. 3:18.
- THE CALL TO "A
STAY-AT-HOME." —The Master is come and calleth for thee. John 11:28.
- THE SEQUEL. —Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14.
—S. L. Merston in *Missionary Exercises*.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Hymn*—"Revive Thy Work O Lord."
Prayer. *Bible Reading.*—Let a member read the Bible answers to questions 1 and 2, also the answer to 3. *Minutes.* *Business.* *Roll Call.* *Study Period.*—Question and Answer method, based on Chapter II. *Offering.* *Music.* *Reading*—"Our Substitutes." *Closing Prayer.*

1. List ten Old Testament promises in regard to prayer, pp. 46-48.
2. List the universals included in the prayer promises of Jesus, p. 49.
3. In what way do we pare down and limit these promises? p. 49.
4. What attributes of God as revealed in the Old Testament encourage us to pray? pp. 50-52.
5. What is Jesus' supreme revelation concerning God? p. 53.
6. What is the difference between faith in God and faith in prayer? p. 54.
7. What are five characteristics of filial prayer? p. 55.
8. What does the Bible teach regarding petition? pp. 58-60.
9. What factors in the world situation call for prayer? p. 70.
10. What is the greatest unused resource of the Christian Church? p. 71.

OUR SUBSTITUTES

"They are not only Christ's missionaries, they are ours. The commission comes to us all—to the whole body. All cannot go. These have volunteered. We feel toward them as we did toward the men in the trenches; they are our substitutes. This is only part of our incentive to pray for them. Christ's Kingdom advances as they are efficient or weak. The unprivileged peoples to whom they minister will be blessed or unblessed as they are faithful or halting in their service. By our loyalty to Christ; by our pity for the nations, by our love for these—the pick and flower of all Christ's reserves—let us learn to pray unceasingly for them. If our hearts are cold and dull, let us hold ourselves to this generous task, learn all we can about them, support them with our gifts of joyful sacrifice, cast in our lot with them, make their work our own, till dullness is changed to passion. Be sure He who sent them will not miss one word or cry of our prayer."

C. G. I. T.

APRIL, and Easter is the special thought of the C.G.I.T. Groups. It is then, as at no other season of the year, that our Church should seem the dearest—bought with a price, and yet a sacrifice so freely given that sometimes the real significance of the cross is undervalued. Then comes the remembrance of those who have served under its shadow, who have formed the living cross in each generation and, by so doing, have sustained and strengthened the Church in its work at home and abroad. That brings the personal Easter message to each one of us. Are we now forming part of the living cross? Can our Church depend upon us to pay the price of what Christianity means to-day?

Thus thinking of the cross, there comes the picture of its place in

the development of Canada. The hope of bringing the message of salvation to the unenlightened Indians brought many an earnest missionary to this country. The Indians are still with us, the wards of the Dominion Government, and some of them members of our Presbyterian Church. Is it not for us to bear them in our minds and remember them in our prayers?

Are these statistics in connection with the Indian work of our Church familiar to all?

In the Birtle Agency, four reserves have voted to remain Presbyterian, Okanese, Bird Tail, Rolling River and Rossburn. The Indian Boarding School at Birtle, Manitoba, is the one to which the children from these reserves are sent, and it is estimated that 90 per cent. of its constituency have remained Presbyterian.

On the Okanase Reserve, Rev. F. Band and Mr. Willson are the missionaries. They have labored there for eight years. Last fall, our W.M.S. was able to send an organ and a lantern to help Mr. Willson in his work. At Christmas, gifts were furnished for the children and clothing for the old Indians.

On the Bird Tail Reserve, our Presbyterian Indians are ministered to by John Thunder, himself a product of our Indian Schools. Here, too, Christmas gifts were sent.

The Rolling River and Rossburn Reserves have just recently taken a band vote to remain with the Presbyterian Church.

Lantern slides which will acquaint the C.G.I.T. Groups with these members of our Church may be secured from Mrs. G. J. Vanstone, 142 Monarch Park Avenue, Toronto, the sender to pay carriage both ways.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for April

BASED ON STUDY BOOK, "BRAVE ADVENTURERS"

WHEN the Mission Band adventurers reach China this Easter month, they will be eager to visit the Ida Gracey Home for Crippled Children. Then they will realize how far the sweet fragrance of an unselfish life may travel, for here in China is the very essence of "Little White Lilac," as Ida Gracey was known in the American hospital where she forgot her own suffering in planning and praying for the less fortunate crippled children of China.

But her's is not the only name to thrill the hearts of the young adventurers. China is the land of the Goforths, the land to which, even now Dr. and Mrs. Goforth are returning, he to serve as chaplain in General

Feng's Christian army, and she to serve the women and children with whom she comes in contact. Listen while she tells a story she heard of one of the little children in the Blind School for Chinese Girls at Changsha, Hunan, China, which she and Doctor Goforth visited four years ago.

WILHELMINE, THE BLIND GIRL WITH CRIPPLED HANDS

In February a new blind girl was sent to us. When the news of her arrival spread around, all the blind girls in our school came to "see" their new sister. This, of course, is done after the manner of the blind. They must feel the new one,—see how tall she is, see how her hair is done, how she speaks, and inquire as to how she looks. By this method of investigation they found that she had no fingers. "Alas! How can she learn to read and write and reckon and do needle work? She needs her fingers to do this. What will she do here?" Such were some of the questions which arose. Poor girl! She was quite perplexed.

At the age of three years she became blind, and at five her mother died; her father having died before the mother. When she was a little girl she fell into boiling water and burned her hands so badly that she lost the upper part of all the fingers of her right hand, and all but the thumb and forefinger of the left. Her body was also scarred.

In a short time she learned to put the horn nails into the holes of the little box we use for beginners to learn the Braille System. Before many months had passed she was able to write all the characters without a mistake, and read, with the others of her class, the Gospel of Mark. Let us pray that God will, in a special way, reveal His power and glory to this blind girl. Her family name is Liu, her Chinese name is Kuie-chen. She was a beggar girl before she came to us.

Order of Meeting.—Opening Hymn, "When, His salvation bringing." Bible Lesson, Mark 16. Prayer, in which China is remembered and especially the Brave Adventurers of our Church who are now returning to service in that country. Roll Call. Business. Easter Offering. Lesson for the day, "Brave Adventurers," Chapter 7. Closing Hymn, "Hosanna, loud hosanna." Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

Would You Like to be a Builder?

MRS. DILL, MISSION BAND SECRETARY, TELLS HOW YOU MAY

LISTEN IN, Mission Bands, and hear what our W.M.S. is doing for boys and girls at home and far away.

In our Gwalior Mission, India, children are being taught reading, writing, arithmetic, cooking, sewing and gardening, and better than all else, of Jesus and His love. In the Bhil villages in India, the boys and

girls are being taught in the same way. If we could listen in we would hear them singing a favorite hymn,—“Tell me the stories of Jesus.”

Then in South China, our doctor, in the Medical College in Canton, is training Chinese girls to be doctors and nurses so that they will know how to care for the sick boys and girls in their homes.

When the Atlantic boats come in to the dock at Quebec and Montreal, one of our W.M.S. workers gives each stranger boy and girl one of the surprise packages you have prepared to amuse them on their long train journey to the West.

Boys and girls in Hospital or School Home, Indian children on the reserves, foreign children who are going to make good Canadians if we help them—are all under the care of our W.M.S.

If you could have listened in at Christmas time and heard the Jewish children singing of “The Little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay,” and the Chinese children in our different missions in Canada singing “Jesus loves me this I know,” you would have been as happy as they were while they sang and received the Christmas gifts you had sent to them. I am sure you are glad to be helping so many boys and girls overseas and in Canada.

Listen in again, Mission Bands, till I tell you some good news, you are Little Builders for Christ’s Kingdom, and we urge you to pray, work, and give your pennies for His sake and we will use the money you send into our treasury to help the boys and girls we have told you about.

RALLY SONG

The Rally Song for Mission Bands for 1926 is “Joy bells ringing, children singing,” (No. 774), not “Standing by a purpose true” as given in January *The Glad Tidings*.

Gleanings and Gatherings

FROM LETTERS AND REPORTS

WE had our Norman Hall W.M.S. meeting on January 5th. We have eighty-two members, so we should not have any trouble reaching the one hundred mark. Our Auxiliary raised, since October, \$617.10.

—Winnipeg.



St. Paul’s Auxiliary, Kemptville, recently celebrated its silver anniversary in the home of Miss J. Mundle where twenty-five years ago it had been organized. A letter of greeting and congratulations was received from Mrs. Dowsley, of Prescott, who had been present at the organization meeting. A pleasing incident was the presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. C. E. Sarney, the present Secretary, by Miss Lois Percival, whose mother had been the first Secretary.

This Society has been a power for good since its organization, and its members are determined that its twenty-sixth year shall be the best in its history, if work and faithfulness will accomplish it. —*Ontario.*



We are in fine spirits out here, and while we make no wonderful showing, we are steadfast and true, making a way for those who will follow us and wish to remain true to the Church of their fathers. We have never had a better Presbyterian in Red Deer Presbytery, and often not so good as we have had this time. Women came long distances—forty miles by car in January is quite a record. It is over one hundred miles by train.

—*Alberta.*

Prayer

O THOU, who art the Light of men and the Fountain of life unending, hear the prayer we now offer unto Thee. We confess that we have been unworthy of all Thy goodness, and we ask Thy forgiveness. Be near us we pray Thee, as we go about our daily work. Help us to walk aright. Make us strong for life's burdens, brave for life's crosses and worthier of Thy love! Hear us, we beseech Thee, as we pray for "those bruised in spirit; those who have toiled without success, who have endured with no outside encouragement; those who are lonely in heart. O Lover of Souls, Thou who alone knowest, grant what they need." Watch over those known to us who are travelling by sea or land. Guide them safely and realize all their hopes. Be especially near those who are under disappointment, suffering, or in bereavement. Guide, we beseech Thee, the minds of all who shall be called to exercise the responsible duty of electing those who will serve as officers on Council, Provincial or Presbyterian. Grant to those who shall be elected, sound judgment, the spirit of wisdom, courage and true Godliness. Open doors for the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Bless our missionaries at home and overseas. Grant wisdom and skill to physicians and nurses. Give sympathy and forbearance to those who work among the young, and direct all our lives so that we may look each to the good of others. Hallow all our service for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11,728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

OUR news during the past month has been encouraging. Red Deer has held its annual meeting, with a spirit and numbers greater than before, and a lilt and uplift that left one on the heights. Everyone felt on the eve of big things.

Vermilion is organizing both Church and W.M.S.

Killam has organized a Ladies' Association of the Presbyterian Church, with three-fold aims. 1. To deepen the spiritual life of its members. 2. To assist financially in keeping up the services. 3. To lend a helping hand to the needy. It has twenty members, and fourteen subscribers to *The Glad Tidings*.

Grace Church, Calgary, reports an Auxiliary of 119 members, a Y.W.S. of 30, 84 C.G.I.T. girls, and a Mission Band of 42.

St. Andrew's, Edmonton, has organized a C.G.I.T. group of 32 members. Westmount has junior and senior groups, and Strathcona Group is flourishing. St. Andrew's also has organized a Mission Band with 46 members.

St. John's Auxiliary of Medicine Hat has held its annual meeting, with gratifying reports and much enthusiasm. The Thank-offering was the largest in the history of the Church.

At the annual meeting for prayer, held in Grace Church, Calgary, on January 19th, 74 women were present. Mrs. Harback gave a talk on "Christ for the World Through the W.M.S.," and Mrs. Polley, a paper on "Christ in Our Homes."

Mrs. J. Rutherford has been elected Library Secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Clark, Supply Secretary, of Calgary Presbyterial.

The Alberta Provincial Executive is endeavoring to get in touch with the women in the Minority Groups, that are not organized for W.M.S. work, and is sending them a monthly report of the work being done in the province, with the request that they send in a report of their Church doings, for the help and encouragement of the others. The plan has just begun, but promises success.

Mrs. McQueen accompanied Dr. McQueen when he went down to open the new Presbyterian Church at Three Hills, and gave an address to the women of the congregation on missionary topics.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. DAVID A. SMITH, 175-10TH AVE. W., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY
VICTORIA P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting convened in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria on February 19th. There was a good attendance, and a spirit of devout thankfulness and optimism prevailed.

The morning session opened with devotional exercises led by the Gorge Auxiliary. At the close announcement was made of the death of Mr. Pillar of Vancouver, beloved husband of the Provincial President.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Patterson of St. Paul's and responded to by Mrs. Lundy of Sooke. The Corresponding Secretary's report revealed much cause for encouragement. The Treasurer reported receipt of \$608.14 from June to December, 1925. Departmental reports followed.

At the afternoon session greetings from the Provincial were presented by Mrs. Clay. Mrs. Humphries presented the Mission Band report. Four Bands are in active work and the outlook is very hopeful. In response to the roll call, each Auxiliary President gave the report of her Society. The report of the Chinese work was by Mrs. McQueen.

Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, gave a short address emphasizing: Prayer life of our Society; hindrances to work by half-hearted members; giving; wholesome discontent until every member of the Church is a member of the W.M.S.

The report of the C.G.I.T. and Y.W.M.S. was given by Mrs. McInnis. A helpful discussion on Mission Band work was led by Mrs. Humphries. Mr. McInnis brought greetings from the Presbytery Synod and Assembly.

The public meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church. Rev Dr. Clay presided. Dr. McCoy read Psalm 72, followed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson.

The Chairman opened proceedings by reference to the last General Assembly and recalled several important things connected therewith.

Miss Pelton then addressed the meeting and struck the keynote of the Presbyterian Church in its declaration of the Divine Sovereignty and the preservation of belief in the authority and supremacy of God, following hand in hand with the conscious presence of God in Jesus Christ as the dynamic force of all effort. This was the heritage handed down and entrusted to the coming generations. Miss Pelton also reviewed some of the achievements of the W.M.S.

Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese Missions, spoke briefly.

Changes in officers: Mrs. E. McQueen, 2743 Quadra St., Victoria is Recording as well as Press Sec., and Mrs. Marr is Library and Magazine Sec.

Provincial Annual Meeting convened at Central Church, Vancouver, April 21st.

ONTARIO

The Memorial Service to Mrs. F. H. Ross

A BEAUTIFUL and most impressive memorial service was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on February 5th, under the auspices of the Ontario Provincial Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, to pay feeling tribute to the memory of Mrs. F. H. Ross, the Corresponding Secretary, who passed away some months ago. Mrs. R. J. McLean, of the Ontario Board, presided, the meeting opened by singing "O God of Bethel," and prayer by Mrs. J. A. Milne.

Beautiful tributes of love and respect were read by Mrs. Milne, one from our Honorary President, Mrs. McQuesten, recalled to our minds the great service Mrs. Ross rendered to our W.M.S. and especially to our Ontario Provincial Board. For the past eleven years she was a valued officer, bringing to the Society a trained mind, great executive ability, a special gift for letter writing and, above all, intense interest in the missionary activities of the Church.

A resolution from the Council Executive gave expression to their belief, that it is largely owing to Mrs. Ross' faithful and consecrated work that the Society in Ontario is, after the recent events in the Church's history, in such a sound and progressive state.

A tribute was also read from her former associates who are now a part of the W.M.S. of the United Church.

Mrs. Thorburn, in a beautiful and thoughtful message said: "We cannot think of Mrs. Ross without associating her with the W.M.S. Ottawa would have liked to have sent flowers, and in that wreath there would have been *violets*, many violets, tucked under the other flowers, in memory of the many kind acts she did for every one of us, that were unseen by any one; *pansies* for thoughts of her kindness that will ever remain with us; *roses* for the fragrant memories she has left behind; and tall white *lilies* that stand up bravely, typifying her splendid courage and beautiful service.

Mrs. R. J. McLean then brought a loving message especially emphasizing the comfort and cheer to be drawn from her life. Her calm courage to do her duty when the way was easy, courage to say and do that which she deemed right in the face of opposition. Yea and her courage in those last days, here it was she gave out to us all the high note of hope and cheer.

Then her faith. To her eyes the unseen things were the real things. To her was given the power to impart in no small measure this faith to

others, at least one felt they must not fail in the task assigned to them because of her faith in them. In one of her last letters before her death she closed with the lines of the old hymn—

“So on I go not knowing
I would not if I might.
I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than go alone by sight.”

! MRS. A. M. EKINS, PRESS SECRETARY.

Notes from Provincial Executive Meeting

The annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Society will be held in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, April 27th, 28th, and 29th. For representation at the Ontario meeting see Section 20, page 16 of the Constitution. The Billeting Secretary is Mrs. John Williams, 451 Shaw Street, Toronto 4, telephone Lombard 1463. Application for billets should be sent in not later than April 1st. Information regarding railway rates will appear in the April *Glad Tidings*.

Mrs. J. A. Milne of Toronto, and Mrs. McKnight of New Liskeard, were appointed to represent the Provincial and Presbyterial Societies at the opening of the new hospital at South Porcupine on February 17th.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Thorburn, reported \$80,280.89 received from June 10th to January 31st.

Departmental reports indicated splendid progress along every line. The subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings* numbered 8,208 to the end of the year.

Mrs. W. H. Mitchell was appointed Provincial representative on the Provincial Girl's Work Board.

Mrs. G. J. Vanstone, 142 Monarch Park Avenue, Toronto, was appointed to take charge of the lantern slides for Ontario. Applications for slides should be made to her.

Mrs. R. J. McLean told of the dedication of the New Liskeard School Home. Mrs. McKerroll brought greetings from the Council Executive, and outlined the progress of the work, emphasizing the need of prayer.

SASKATCHEWAN

A Tribute to the Late Mrs. Peter McAra, Regina

BELIEVING that many readers of our *Tidings* would be helped by a few words written in memoriam to the late Mrs. McAra, who passed away to her reward on September first of last year, we have endeavored to pay tribute even at this late date.

We do so with deep sorrow. Mrs. McAra was one of the most capable on the Provincial Executive Board of the W.M.S., and contributed very largely to the progress of Christian activities in the province.

Mrs. Peter McAra was born in Nova Scotia sixty years ago, of United Empire Loyalist parentage. Previous to her marriage in 1888 she taught school in Manitoba. Intimate friends in Regina cherish very dearly the memory of the charming bride who took her place in Regina in the days when the hard work of pioneering had to be done.

For many years Mrs. McAra was closely associated with all the activities of Knox Church, Regina. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society, and was Corresponding Secretary for the Provincial W.M.S. from 1917 until March 1925. During that time she gave unstintedly of herself and nothing interfered with her work for and zeal in the activities of the Society.

Mrs. McAra served many years as Treasurer on the Y.W.C.A. Board, and was regent of the Municipal Chapter of the I.O.D.E. during the war years.

Immediately connected with the social and public life of the city of Regina from its very pioneer days, Mrs. McAra typified the honored position of womanhood at its best, and her passing, should serve as an incentive to those who knew her and loved her, to carry on the work of the Master in unselfish service.

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Luke 24: 16=31

"The night was dark and the shadows spread
Far as the eye could see:
I stretched my hand to a Human Christ
And He walked through the dark with me.
Out of the dimness we came at length,
Our feet on the dawn-warmed sod:
And I saw by the light of His wondrous eyes
That I walked with the Son of God."

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Three Days

*Noon on a Roman road
By weary prisoners trod!
Bowed to the earth a fainting form,
The Son of God!*

*Night, and a naked cross
Lifted against the sky,
On whose stark arms the Son of God
Lay down to die!*

*Dawn by an empty tomb!
He who is strong to save,
The Son of God, hath conquered death
And rent the grave!*

—I. B. M., in *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

Editorial

AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE of great import to both officers and representatives of Foreign Mission Boards, was held in the Castle Memorial Hall, McMaster University, Toronto, on February 18th and 19th. It was called to consider the present situation in China and India in view of its important bearing on missionary work in both these countries. Three great missionary leaders were chosen to discuss these problems: Rev. Wm. Paton, Secretary of the National Christian Council of India, Rev. Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, a missionary in China for some years, now Joint Secretary with Mr. J. H. Oldham of the International Missionary Council, and Dr. Harold Balme, the distinguished President of Shangtung Christian University, in which fifteen Mission Boards of Great Britain, the United States and Canada co-operate. With such leadership the conference was enabled to find a true interpretation of the situation in these two great fields and to gain a better understanding of its missionary implication for the churches of Canada. There were other speakers, men and women, secretaries and furloughed missionaries, but their contribution cannot be reported in the compass of this brief note.

Taking as his theme, "The International Mission Council and World Missions," Dr. Warnshuis outlined the history of this Council, which is not an organization but simply the Boards of Foreign Missions working in association with other countries co-operatively. It dates back to

the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, from which it emerged with the name "The Continuation Committee," that name being replaced by the present title at the Conference held in Switzerland at the close of the Great War. The scope of its activities is described in the words: "The field is the world." Its task has been to guard international fellowship and, through contact with governments, to safeguard religious liberty, to circulate the Bible, undertake work in regard to moral issues, deal with the opium traffic and the education of public opinion, with labor and the slavery problems, particularly as it affects Africa, and the great questions relating to industry and education. In the world of education it has been stated that in Asia and Africa every national system of to-day can be traced back to the missionary. In Africa, ninety per cent. of the education is being done by missionary societies. The government is now taking a greater share and will soon outrank the Missionary Society. What is to be our part in the days to come and what is the education the government is going to give? is a question of such magnitude that the help of the cleverest people is needed in this service. We must find ways and means by which the church may increase her efforts. We have spread our work over the world, therefore we must think in terms of the world-need and be actuated by one aim—to make Jesus Christ known and establish His Kingdom throughout the world.

Rev. Wm. Paton spoke of the "Religious Situation in India," dealing particularly with the mass movements among the outcasts, and the consciousness of Christianity among the educated people. The great movement on the part of the masses towards Christianity, he stated, is due to the impact upon them of the Christian gospel, and hundreds of thousands—whole communities in fact—are asking to be taken into the church, and the great difficulty facing the missionary is how to meet this movement. Some decay mass movements, saying that the people have everything to gain and nothing to lose. This is a mistake. They have had to face beating, loss of work, threats to life, and still they stand. Among the educated classes the teaching of no leader is so discussed as is that of Jesus Christ, and we wonder if in India to-day there is not working out one of the great religious movements of the day. When it comes there is no power in Hinduism to stop it. In the Indian heart there is a great natural waiting for Jesus Christ. India will come to herself and be herself when she sees Jesus as He is, lifted up for her. With a challenge to the Boards to make these days possible by their prayers and generosity and with an appeal for the diminution of missionaries' power, and the speedy passing of the feeling of superiority and the desire for control, a great message ended.

"The significance to the Christian Church of recent developments in

China was forcefully presented by Dr. Balme. He recalled the perpetual state of political turmoil that had overshadowed the country since 1900, and which had its influence on the missions and the church. The intellectual awakening, with students reaching out to America, Germany and Russia in search of the last word in philosophy and socialism, with the increase of from 1,500,000 to 7,000,000 students, and the wave of self determination and national consciousness were among the conditions which had produced recent events. He set against that the Christian Church with its three distinct stages: early beginning, co-operation and Church consciousness, and the stage of independence and virility. The great question facing Mission Boards is: are you willing to let China fulfil her own destiny and gain liberty, sovereignty and independence? This is no day for an exaggerated sense of trusteeship. We must be afraid of it. Instead, we must co-operate with the Chinese as brothers and sisters and be willing to work under them. If we do, in the eighteen provinces of China we shall see the great impelling figure of the Christ enthroned."

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The following are the resolutions which were passed by the Conference:

This unofficial Conference of Executive Officers and members of Canadian Missionary Societies, together with Missionaries of such Societies now on furlough in Canada, and present, expresses its deep sympathy with the rulers and people of China in the difficulties with which they are confronted during this period of transition which affects so deeply every aspect of their national life and international relationships.

This Conference also, in general line with the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, resolves:

First.—That they do not desire that the legal rights of their missions and missionaries in China should in future rest upon existing treaties between Great Britain and China, and in particular upon the so-called toleration clauses in those treaties dealing specifically with missionary work; and they desire that their future legal rights and liberties should be those freely accorded to them by China as a Sovereign Power and agreed upon in equal conference with China, and

Second.—That they note with satisfaction the announcement of His Majesty's Government of their readiness to join in steps towards a comprehensive revision of existing treaties between Great Britain and China. So far as the interests of missions and missionaries are concerned they would welcome the substitution for the present articles relating to extra-territoriality of such provision for the administration of justice and the protection of the life and property of British nationals as may be agreed upon in equal conference between China and Great Britain.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Prime Minister of Canada, as Minister of External Affairs, and to the Chinese Consul-General in Canada.

The reply from Mr. Chow Kwo Hsien, Consul-General for China, at Ottawa is as follows:

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th February, 1926, enclosing a copy of the resolutions regarding the situation in China passed by a conference of Executive Officers, Members and Missionaries on furlough of Canadian Missionary Societies held in Toronto on February 18th and 19th, 1926.

"In reply I wish to tender you my sincere thanks and approval on such a wise move on your part, which, there is every reason to believe, will bring about a better sympathy and understanding between the British people and the Chinese nation.

"Further it will be most helpful to the cause of Christianity itself, which, I regret to say is much misunderstood by a section of Chinese society which regards the extraterritorial jurisdiction enjoyed by foreigners in China as a constant source of friction and animosity between China and the Foreign Powers, and which is detrimental to the interests of all concerned under the present growth of nationalism in China.

"With the assurances of my highest consideration."

OUR WORK AMONG THE CHINESE has been carried on for many years in such centres as, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria. Knowing that there were Chinese women in other places in Ontario for whom nothing was being done and, as our W.M.S. was in a position, this year, to widen its activities, Miss Hugill was appointed to find out where these women live and arrange to visit them. In Hamilton she found ten, in St. Catharines two, Brantford two, Ingersoll two, London one, St. Thomas seven, Chatham two, Windsor seven, Sarnia two, Palmerston one, Wingham one, Chesley one, North Bay three.

It is only as we put ourselves in the place of these women, who have left their own country and travelled far to make their homes among people of strange customs and unknown tongue, that we realize what it must have meant, to the newer arrivals, particularly, to have our gentle missionary visit them in their homes and talk to them as woman to woman in a language they understood. In addition to this, Miss Hugill addressed Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and C.G.I.T. Groups in the interest of the work. Her desire, and that of the W.M.S. being to impress on our members their responsibility to these strangers in our country, who would welcome beyond telling, a friendly smile, a warm handclasp, or any little attention to their children. In one home visited there were three daughters and one son. The eldest daughter graduates from Ann Arbor in June and is then to be married and return with her husband to China. The second daughter is in High School and the younger son and daughter are in the public school. Several people have taken a great interest in the family and have helped them in many ways, and the mother spoke very warmly and appreciatively of the goodness of these kind friends.

AN IDEA OF THE RICHES IN STORE for those who attend the Council Meeting in Mayfair Church, Saskatoon, May 19-21, is shown in the programme which is being outlined.

The Council will open with the celebration of the Holy Communion, a period of prayer will precede this solemn hour, and special intercession will mark every meeting. The speakers will include overseas missionaries, men and women, outstanding representatives engaged in National Missions, and leading officials of our Church. Work among the young people will be given special attention and much time will be devoted to conferences in order that the wealth of information we know exists, may find expression on the floor of the house. The meetings throughout will be of a practical nature and should be very inspiring because of the wonderful story there is to tell of the work that has been accomplished in six brief months.

THE WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER has become a recognized institution, and on February 19th—a day appointed for all—the Protestant Missionary women of North America united in a service of intercession for the missionary work of the Church in Canada and other lands, for homes and youth of all nations, for China, for King, for Country and Empire and for the League of Nations and the Peace of Locarno. The same programme was followed in every group, large and small, throughout Canada, and on many of the foreign fields. From these gatherings which were largely attended and thoroughly representative there has gone up a "volume of united confession, thanksgiving and petition, which are the prayers of saints."

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE DEATH from pneumonia, on February 13th, of John Thunder, Missionary among the Indians on the Bird Tail Reserve, Manitoba. In 1895, John Thunder was appointed to mission work on the Pipestone reserve, Man. under the W. F. M. S. later becoming a missionary of the Church. He was an earnest Christian and a faithful missionary. He was also a loyal Presbyterian, and gave generously of his time and money to perpetuate the church that led him to Christ. The funeral service was held on the reserve and was conducted by Rev. R. Patterson. He was laid to rest beside his three children on a high bank overlooking the Bird Tail and Assiniaboia. The sympathy of our W.M.S. goes out to Mrs. Thunder, who so faithfully assisted her husband in his missionary work and now mourns his loss.

THE CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS, Toronto, is in the midst of an active year's work. The candidates of the different co-operating Mission Boards have been pursuing courses in the History and Science of

Missions; Religions; and the Philosophy of Religion. A special session, covering six weeks, from January 18th to Feb. 26th was arranged for furloughed missionaries of whom there are over eighty belonging to the various co-operating Boards, in Toronto at present. This session included lectures on health; Biblical and doctrinal subjects, present day conditions on mission fields, and anthropology. A special course on Christianity in India was given by Rev. Wm. Paton, Secretary of the National Christian Council of India. Later in the spring, two short intensive sessions will be held, one being on Phonetics. For these courses some forty lecturers have been drafted, their services being gratuitous. This is but a glimpse of the splendid contribution this school is making to the missionary enterprise in Canada.

DURING THE ABSENCE OF MRS. MCKERROLL who has accompanied her husband to the British Isles, where he has gone to confer with ministers coming to Canada with a view to settlement, the duties of the President are being discharged by Mrs. H. R. Horne, First Vice-President.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. W. MacLennan of Lindsay, former Presbyterian, now Auxiliary President, in the sudden death of her husband, Mr. W. MacLennan.

OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT has four large Bibles suitable for pulpit use. Any congregation or Minority Group desiring information concerning these should apply to Miss I. S. Pringle, 30 Lowther Ave., Toronto 5.

Gleanings and Gatherings

THE Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, recently held a Library Tea, the fee being a bound book suitable for a Sunday School library. The result was a splendid box of books which was immediately sent to Northern Ontario. Thus did an afternoon's pleasure for the Auxiliary provide days of pleasure for others.



An example of the interest shown by the Auxiliary in the Band comes from Windsor. Two members of the Senior Girl's Mission Band wove into a paper for the Auxiliary, material on India gathered together by one of the Auxiliary members. The paper was read by the mother of one of the girls. This not only helped the senior girls along a line of study, but also served as a bond between the two societies.

Opening of the Presbyterian Hospital at South Porcupine

ON Wednesday evening, February 17th, the new Presbyterian Hospital at South Porcupine, Ontario, was dedicated and formally opened.

The service was under the care of the Presbytery of North Bay Temiskaming and was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Sanderson of North Bay and the Rev. J. A. MacInnis of New Liskeard, Moderator and Clerk, respectively. The organizations of the W.M.S. represented at the service were: the Council Executive, by Mrs. D. Strachan of Toronto, the Ontario Provincial Society, by Mrs. J. A. Milne, of Toronto, the Temiskaming Presbyterial, by Mrs. McKnight of New Liskeard, and the New Liskeard Auxiliary, by Mrs. W. M. Macdonald.

Long before eight o'clock, the hospital was filled to capacity by an interested and representative audience.

When the hour approached, the Moderator and Clerk in gown and bands entered the room, and the impressive and dignified services opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer by the Moderator. Rev. J. A. MacInnis, as Clerk, narrated the steps which led to the opening of the hospital and called upon the Moderator to dedicate the building to the purpose for which it was intended, whereupon the Moderator said:

We accept the trust herewith reposed in us as a Presbytery, and shall guard it in honor of the faithful and devoted lives of service and sacrifice as represented in the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Presbytery, I dedicate this hospital to the glory of God, and as a perpetual memorial of the thoughtfulness and Christian charity of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I also hereby designate it to its special function of ministering to the sick and suffering. Furthermore, in the designation of this hospital for its bene-



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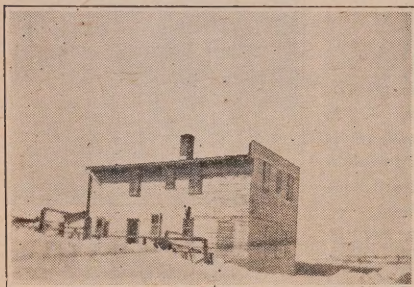
Superintendent Presbyterian Hospital,
South Porcupine, Ont.

ficient purposes we desire that those who shall come here for treatment may be the recipients of such skilled and Christian care, that they shall be convinced that this hospital is born of our Master's desire that we, His servants, might ever be found going about doing good.

Then came the prayer of dedication:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours availeth, but Who deignest to accept the work of our hands for the extension of Thy Kingdom upon earth, we beseech Thee to grant us Thy power and blessing as we do now set apart this hospital to the glory of Thy name and in honor of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who was among us as the Great Physician. We bless Thy Name for our share in the great mission committed to Thy Church. We rejoice in the vision of Thy handmaidens.

We bless Thee for their fidelity and wisdom. We pray that this hospital may stimulate those who behold it as well as those who receive of its benefits that they may do what they can to requite Thy love thus tangibly expressed. May we draw near to each other in all helpful sympathy and service while the light shines and the darkness lingers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, SOUTH PORCUPINE

Mrs. Strachan then addressed the meeting, bringing greetings from the Council Executive, who wished this hospital to be known as the Presbyterian Hospital, and asked the Moderator to declare it officially open and to be known by that name.

The Rev. Wm. Sanderson then called the staff to the front and introduced them, and Mrs. Strachan, in behalf of the Council Executive presented them with a beautiful Bible, the gift of one of the members, saying, "Let this book be your chart and guide and let this mind be in you."

Mrs. Milne, Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Macdonald spoke briefly. Mr. Harris, who represented Tisdale Township, voiced the gratitude of the people to the W.M.S., Dr. Cameron-Smith that of the doctors, while Mr. D. McPhail congratulated the townspeople in having the hospital located there. At the close of this service, dainty refreshments were served and all wandered here and there inspecting the building.

The hospital is very plain outside and makes no pretention whatever to ornamentation, but inside it is very cosy and homelike. It contains a basement completely fitted up for laundry purposes, and store-room the full size of the building, two nurses' rooms, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms, three wards, one public and two semi-private, containing eight beds in all. The well equipped operating room is worthy of special mention. From the sterilizing outfit and fine electro-stove to the splendid lighting system, this room is outfitted in such a manner that one would not hesitate at calling in any of the leading surgeons of the province. The operating table was donated by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and the sterilizers by Evangel Hall, Toronto. The building is well heated, electrically lighted, and has a good water system, and the floors throughout are covered with battleship linoleum.

The entire cost of the building and equipment has been met by the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The money did not come from the pockets of the wealthy but was trust money, given them in twenty-five and fifty-cent pieces by the every-day workers, from the coast of British Columbia to that of Quebec.

This hospital was opened in South Porcupine at the request of the municipality, and they are prepared to be generous in their gifts to it.

The Council Executive would take this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the people of the municipality for their valuable assistance, and particularly to Mr. F. C. Evans, Clerk of the Municipality, and to all those who have in any way helped in the establishment and equipment of this institution.

Easter and the World's Hope

MRS. J. W. DILL

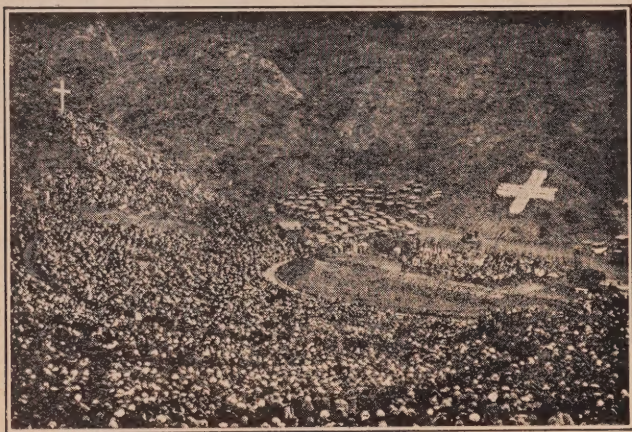
TWO of the outstanding events in Southern California are the "La Fiesta" and the "Easter Sunrise Service." The former is a unique pageant, when floats, carriages and motors pass along completely covered with flowers. Hundreds of thousands of roses, lilies, marguerites, carnations, etc., are used, and it is a lovely and impressive sight. Far more impressive to many minds is the other great event. It was estimated that 150,000 people saw the sunrise last Easter Sunday at different places.

At the Bowl, Hollywood, over 60,000 gathered—many travelling all night. Before 5 o'clock every seat in the great semi-circle was taken and people were seated on the grass far up the mountain side. Although there was such a concourse of people there was not even the murmur of voices, the silence was intense as that vast throng waited for the sun to rise.

On the western mountain stood a large, white, wooden, Latin cross. On the slope of the mountain to the north lay a large platform the shape of a Greek cross.

At a signal from their leader, hundreds of boys and girls marched in and took their places on this platform. To the left of the children and far up the mountain side, stood two girls. They were in Greek costume and had silver trumpets in their hands.

All eyes turned to the East when the first, faint, crimson flush carried its message of light and life. The crimson deepened—the day had come. At a signal from their leader, the boys and girls dropped their outer wraps and there stood a white cross of living children.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN HOLLYWOOD BOWL, 1924,
AN EXPERIENCE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

Slowly, majestically, the sun rose above the mountain top, and its first beams touched the empty cross in the west, and then shone upon the living cross of children. Then came the thrilling Sunrise Trumpet Call—"Gloria Patri."

As the children, in ringing triumphant tones sang—"Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Hallelujah!" one could readily imagine they heard as a great obligato, the Saviour's words, "Ye are the light of the world."

Our Easter message is—The children are the light of the world, let us so cherish that light that it may shine in all its brightness upon earth's dark places.

What I Wish I Had Learned in College

[Miss Lillian Picken, the writer of this article, is a volunteer from Kansas, who sailed for India in 1914 under the American Board. She is engaged in educational and evangelistic work. This message is particularly suited to the present time when so many young women are preparing themselves for work overseas.—EDITOR.]

UNDER a spreading Banyan tree near a jungle lay a rugged brown man, wasted to a mere shadow of his former self. His bed of rags lay on the damp earth; at his head a row of little brass gods, to whom he turned his great, pathetic eyes in vain entreaty many times a day. His motherless, ten-year-old son was his only nurse, who had cared for him faithfully but with a pitiful ignorance of the first principles of cleanliness, during all those weary weeks when he and his little daughter lay helpless with the terrible bubonic plague fever that was ravaging the countryside. Cast off by his relatives, who had fled in terror, this strong man had lain in agony, watching his daughter die by degrees, and had lived through the horrors of the fever to be stricken with the revolting abscesses that develop from the "bubols" in the glands of groin, neck, and arm pit. I stood looking down at his pleading eyes as he begged me to do *something* for him or he must die—and I wished, oh, how I wished, that I had taken First Aid or some course in elementary nursing before I left home. Fortunately there was an Indian nurse with me who had taken what I had not and as I watched her deft fingers cleansing and bandaging those awful sores, I made up my mind that I would learn. And believe me, I did! Before the end of that plague epidemic I had learned many things I never learned in college! God let us save not only that man's life but many another besides.

If there is a First Aid Course available for you in college or out—better take it. You'll be met on the mission field with all sorts of uses for it from babies in convulsions to broken bones and drowning missionaries. Where doctors are nearly as scarce as hens' teeth a layman's knowledge may save many lives.

Comes a courteous Indian gentleman to my bungalow for a friendly call. But before he departs he must pour out the hunger of his heart. "I am a pearl merchant of India, Burmah, and Ceylon. For forty years I have been seeking goodly pearls. I have not failed to prosper. Many cities know my name and I have three estates in as many lands. But I am now realizing that with all my getting I have missed the finest pearl of all. I do not know God. And I must know Him. So I have left my business and am trying to find Him. I am studying many religions to see which is the best way to God. Teach me the Jesus Way." In the days that followed, as we read and studied together the Gita and the Gospel, and delved ever so earnestly into the philosophies

of other religions, I longed for a wider, surer knowledge of these oriental religions with their treasures of the ages.

If you aim for the mission field, I care not in what land or in what capacity, take advantage of whatever good courses you can get in comparative religions. Broaden your knowledge and your sympathies; keep an open mind to see all that is beautiful and fine in the ancient creeds and customs that men have evolved in their age-long search for God. Then see how completely Jesus Christ fulfils and crowns all that is best in each of these religions.

Out under the stars of a silent tropical night, with hundreds of simple, heart-hungry folk of the countryside pressing close about me, weary with their day's toil, but eager, wistful always to hear about God, I have often wished that I knew my Bible better—that I had memorized more of the matchless passages in it, and above all that I had mastered the art of story telling. For all orientals love stories, especially about God and His dealings with men. The story of the prodigal son grips the hearts of men in the farthest corners of the earth. And for the inquiring young Christian men and women I need a very different knowledge of my Bible, that I may give to the searching questions of their puzzled minds a "*reason for the faith that is in me.*"

Get the best Bible courses you can get in college and out. Lay your foundations well. But take care that critical study shall not crowd out your secret devotional study, your daily quiet time, your first-hand contact with God. For here is where we busy, fact-loving folk of the West, with all our efficiency and zeal for service, fall short as we come with the message of Jesus Christ to the Eastern world, where we meet men with such a passion for things spiritual, such an abandon of devotion to God as startles and condemns us. If we can but bring these face to face with Jesus, convincing them by the witness of our inner life of the truth of our message, they in turn will teach us deep secrets of devotion, and will immeasurably enrich the spiritual experience of the Christian Church.

Facing the economic problems of the poverty-stricken outcastes, the insanitary crowding of towns and cities, the maladjustments of personality in the joint family life of the Orient, makes me wish I had had real experience in social service. Not the sporadic, well-meaning gestures we sometimes make in this direction, but intelligent, informed, well directed social service to those in our communities at home who live under conditions such as we must meet in poor and congested districts the world over. Such experience, backed by Christlike love and purpose, is invaluable on the mission field.

And there is music! Personally I have had no musical training and

can hardly carry a tune without a bucket to carry it in. But oh, how I *wish* I could! So many uses to which it could be put, so many needs for it crop up on all sides. The Indian people love music and it finds the quickest entrance to their hearts.

As I struggle over the accounting that is a part of the necessary work of almost every missionary, and as I pound out my correspondence on the defenceless typewriter by the laborious "Hunt and Pick" method, I wish I had learned long years ago the best ways of doing both. As the grind and strain of the work press at times more strongly upon me I am thankful with all my heart for the regular habits of sleep and exercise learned in college days which stand me in good stead through many an emergency.

To play tennis, to drive a Ford, to milk a cow, build a brick wall, plant corn, plan a house—in fact, there is little you can learn in college that will not be useful to you sooner or later on the field. So let's learn all we can, then and later, but above all things else let us learn to keep our tempers. (especially we red-heads!) and to live and work with other frail, human beings in a Christlike spirit, with plenty of fun and good humor sprinkled in. This is the greatest, most constant need out here or at home. I wish I *had* learned it at college! But it seems to take me a lifetime to learn. This lesson can only be learned by "much prayer." Let us go to the great Teacher of Life and sit often at His feet that we may learn from Him the secret of love's winsomeness and patience, its joy and endurance.

And as we learn let's laugh along the way. If you haven't learned to laugh, even when the joke is on you, then don't come to the mission field!

—*Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin.*

Converting Liabilities into Assets

ONE of the loveliest personalities at the Church Missionary Society Summer School at Oxford, England, during the past summer was a young woman who had come a long distance to attend the sessions. The seat that she occupied was a wheel chair.

Now wheel chairs and helpless limbs are usually listed as liabilities, but this young woman had discovered how to convert them into assets, through the Invalids' Fellowship of Prayer and Service, which she has organized and into which she has welcomed scores of other invalids. Ordinary vision and experience do not recognize the possibility of such Fellowship but those who dwell in wheel chairs have long hours for quiet thought. They can not be drawn into the busy rush of our modern madding crowd. During her own long hours of waiting, this

young woman learned to employ her time in prayer and service. Her thoughts turned to the hundreds of other invalids who might join in such a fellowship. Their forced inactivity in usual channels suggested possibilities of service in channels that were unusual. Most of the busy workers she knew were always pressed for time, yet there must be hundreds of invalids who had time hanging wearily on their hands. In every parish she was sure there must be a number of people who were shut out by physical weakness from the usual activities, and she longed to help to lead them into the way of prayer and service which she had discovered for herself. As a result of this longing she organized the Fellowship connected with the Medical Missions Auxiliary of the Church Missionary Society.

Invalids throughout Great Britain are invited to join this fellowship. Cards of membership with suggestions for daily prayer are furnished to all applicants.

When invalids who have comfortable homes and loving care begin to learn of the conditions which surround other invalids, in non-Christian lands, their hearts are inevitably stirred in sympathy. Three possibilities for helpful service are suggested.

First: the members are reminded of the tremendous power of prayer and of the fact that the illness which has disqualified them for the usual type of active service has also afforded them unusual opportunity for prayer.

The second call is for hand service from those who can give it, in making supplies that are in constant demand in missionary hospitals.

The third call is for extended missionary information. Usually invalids have many callers who will listen eagerly to the stories of medical missions as told or read to them during a call. Literature from the Medical Missions Auxiliary is furnished to all members of the Fellowship. The suggestion is made that if a contribution box occupies a convenient place near the bedside or chair, gifts of callers will probably be added to the thank-offerings that are placed there by the Fellowship member. There are no entrance fees, nor required dues, nor subscriptions to the organization.

Many individuals who have chafed against the impassable barriers which have shut them out from their accustomed activities are rejoicing in this fellowship of prayer and service.

—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

Some three hundred young people were present at the Young People's Service at London Presbyterial. The Mission Band banner was given to a Band which has neither a church nor a minister. The average attendance was 50 and they gave \$15 to missions.

OUR LETTER BOX

Vancouver.

"Miss Pelton left yesterday for Kamloops, and we are all disconsolate. I feel impelled to let you know how *wonderful* she is. I use the word advisedly. I had the joy of hearing her speak on five different occasions and each time there was a different approach, each time she gripped and held her audience. As I listened, with my own heart burning within me I felt that we could not be thankful enough to God for giving her to the Presbyterian Church at this time of sore need.

Some of the Christian Chinese gave a banquet for her on Friday. Mrs. Urquhart, Literature Secretary, took us to the dinner. Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese work, was there, also Mr. Douglas, the Chinese minister and four Chinamen, the oldest and most highly educated of whom had been converted in China, the others in this country.

The dinner was served in an upstairs room in the restaurant. Each guest was provided with a tiny cup without a handle, a plate, a Chinese spoon, chop sticks and a fork. There were dried melon seeds in little dishes here and there on the table. We had tea first, clear, followed by a good sized bowl of bird's nest soup, something often heard of, but never before seen. It really wasn't bad, if you could forget what it was made of. Everything was served piping hot, and prettily garnished. The soup was the only thing we ate with spoons, all the rest of the ten courses we ate with chopsticks.

We had tea at intervals, two kinds, the second "Jasmine" tea, is most expensive, but there was no water or bread or potatoes to relieve the richness of the remarkable and varied feast. There were prawns and chicken, and pork and oysters, and chicken's liver and mushrooms galore, chicken with oysters, chicken with pineapple, chicken with, seemingly, anything and everything. There were onions in many of the dishes, onions raw and onions cooked, there were bamboo shoots, bean cake and noodles. We were served with each course as it appeared and ate it through, even when we had no idea what we were eating. After all this came a bowl of rice apiece. Then Chinese oranges, peeled and quartered were brought in on a platter, a tooth pick stuck on each quarter. There was pomelo also, deliciously sweet, and nuts.

Some of the men spoke English well, so conversation flourished throughout the meal. At the close we had a few words as to our common bond of union. Miss Pelton had them all write their names in her book, and the great experience was over."

—Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor.

Bible Reading

CHRIST IS RISEN—John XX.

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom which transfigures you and me."

In the above chapter, John reveals Jesus to us as the conqueror of death and the author of the new life for man, and selects incidents which are most likely to produce faith, and traces the passage from sight to faith:

1. John, who believed without the sight of the risen Lord (verses 1-10).
2. Mary, who believed without the personal voice of love (verses 11-18).
3. The disciples, who believed when they saw the wounds in His hands and His side (verses 19-23).

4. Thomas, who believed when Jesus offered to him the satisfaction of his tests (verses 24-29).

5. In the case of others, among whom we must number ourselves, who are more blessed than any of these and who believe, as we do, not on the evidence of sight, but on the evidence of faith and love (verses 29-31).

Is the great central figure of that ancient Eastertide to me merely a fact of history or a living, present Saviour—my trust, my hope, my life, my all?

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Hymn*—"Jesus Blessed Saviour." *Prayer.*
Bible Reading.—Eph. III:14-21. *Minutes.* *Business.* *Roll Call.*
Study Period.—Question and Answers on Chapter III. *Offering.* *Reading.*
—"What the Labrador Doctor says." *Lord's Prayer.*

1. Why do you believe that prayer is the secret of missionary progress?
p. 75.
2. What part had denominations in prayer preparation for missions?
p. 77.
3. Name first denominational Boards organized in England. pp.78, 79.
4. What led to awakening of missionary interest in America? pp.83, 84.
5. What steps led to the mobilizing of women for missions? p. 85.
6. How are missionary workers to be recruited? p. 86.
7. Why does our mission enterprise halt? p. 100.

WHAT THE LABRADOR DOCTOR SAYS

"In the quiet of home, in the heat of life and strife, in the face of death, the privilege of speech with God is inestimable. I value it more because it calls for nothing that the wayfaring man, though a fool, cannot

give; that is, the simplest expression to his simplest desire. When I can neither see, nor hear, nor speak, still I can pray so that God can hear. When I finally pass through the valley of the shadow of death I expect to pass through it in conversation with Him." —*Wilfred T. Grenfell.*

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for May

Pageant Based on "Brave Adventurers"

SCENE 1.

SETTING. At back of platform have some representation of Mission Band boat, in front of the boat the treasure chest, also some coils of rope, an anchor, and any other details to suggest the departure of a ship.

Either the curtain may be drawn, or the children, dressed in middies and sailor suits, may take their places on the platform to music and carrying a flag on which is the motto, "*The World For Christ.*"

Opening Chorus. "Whither, pilgrims, are you going." The first two lines sung as a solo, the remaining lines by the children in unison.

Figure, Young Canada. (Girl dressed in white draped about with Canadian flag) standing near the front of the platform, addresses the Adventurers.

"Brave youths, what voice is this that calls you far
To lands unknown, to dangers known too well,
That lures you from the quiet ways of home,
To crowded streets and homeless wanderings?
What flag is this you bear aloft, unfurled,
Through mountain pass and flood and flame and death?"

One of the children answers. "The voice that calls?"

All the children in unison. "It is the Voice of Christ."

Child again. "The flag we bear?"

All the Children. "It is the Flag of Christ."

The Child. "The love that leads?"

All the Children. "It is the Love of Christ."

All the Children. "For Christ hath sent us into all the world
That men may find in Him eternal life."

The flag is then fastened to the mast of the ship, while the children sing "Brightly gleams our banner," or "Fling out the banner."

Young Canada asks. "Why do you go?"

First Child. "Because when Jesus Christ was here upon earth, He said unto His disciples, 'Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,' and to give them courage for this task, He promised 'Lo, I am with you always'."

Second Child. "Thousands and thousands do not know
The good news told us long ago
The call is still sounding 'Follow me',
Will you a Brave Adventurer be?"

Young Canada. "A Brave Adventurer I would be
If you will show the way to me."

All the Children. "We'd love to have you join our Band
And sail with us to every land.
It's ours to *work* and *pray* and *give*
In order that more souls may live."

First Child. "I must *work* the works of Him that sent me."

Second Child. "Take ye heed, watch and *pray*."

Third Child. "Such as I have, *give* I unto thee."

Young Canada turning to the smallest children. "And what have you to give?" The little ones hold up their mite boxes and repeat "Rhyme of the Mite-Box." Then two by two, they march towards the Treasure Chest to give their offering while the older ones follow singing, "We've a story to tell to the Nations." Still singing they pick up the chest, pull up the anchor and wave good-by with handkerchiefs as the curtain is drawn. In case of a curtain not being available, the children can march off the platform singing.

SCENE 2.

The same setting only with the addition of the flags representing the countries visited. These are ranged in order below "The World for Christ."

Before the curtain is drawn back, voices are heard singing as if in the distance but coming nearer, "Lord, while for all mankind we pray." (First and last verses).

All the Children together, pointing to the flags on the ship.

"We've crossed many a mountain,
Sailed many a sea
In the pathway of those
Who heard Christ's 'Follow me'!"

Young Canada greets the Adventurers. "Welcome home. What treasure is this that you bring back?"

Children together... "Our treasure chest of memories."

Young Canada... "Since I could not go with you, won't you share them with me?"

Children. "We are glad to share our treasure,
And the stories which we tell
Are the jewels we have gathered
From those who love Christ well."

The chest is then opened, and all gather in a semicircle around it.

Mission Band Boy steps forward. "My memory of India is on top. That is a country full of adventure. Think of the jungles where fierce, man-eating tigers hide, and of the great rivers which overflow their banks in the rainy season. It was through such dangers that Doctor Jacob Chamberlain travelled 1,200 miles to deliver the important message of Christ's love to many, many people who had never heard the good news before."

Another Mission Band Boy. "Think of Tilak too, the great Indian poet who lost faith in the helpless, heathen idols and learned to love and serve the one true God. His wife left him, his brother tried to poison him and his friends deserted him, but Tilak kept on writing beautiful poems about his beloved country and about Christ who could help the people of India to be better and happier. Many began to listen until now his songs and hymns are sung in the schools all over the land."

A Mission Band Girl. "Yes, and think of Dr. Wilkie, a Brave Adventurer of our own Church, and his story of Gracebai, the little Indian girl who was married when she was five years old to a cruel husband. She was rescued from her unhappy life, and in the Mission School learned to know about Jesus. To-day she is like a mother to the little girls in the 'Jean Stevenson Brown Memorial Home' in Gwalior. To her the children come and sing." (Enter a little girl dressed in Indian sari and sings) "Tell me the old, old story," while all the children join in the chorus.

Another Mission Band Adventurer. "We welcome a visitor from the Moravian Church in the United States."

Moravian Boy enters. "My forefathers lived at Herrnhut through the kindness of the boy Count who all his life had Jesus for his Elder Brother. My people belonged to The Order of the Grain of Mustard Seed, the first missionary society for boys. That band grew and became a great missionary church, the Moravian, which has sent missionaries to the Negroes, Eskimos, Indians and many other people. Let us repeat together Count Nicholas Zinzendorf's prayer, 'Be thou mine, Dear Saviour, and I will be Thine'."

Mission Band Adventurer. "Another treasure for our chest, Moravian Brother."

Eskimo Boy or Girl enters. "From Greenland's icy mountains, that's where I come, though there are plenty like me in this Canada of yours. My Greenland is a Christian country because Paul Egede and his father and mother and sister left their comfortable home in Norway and in their ship, *The Hope*, made a long journey through the Arctic seas to bring the message of love to my great-great-great-great grandparents. The ship was nearly lost between giant icebergs, and my people were sometimes un-

friendly, threatening that the Eskimo wizards would kill the white people with magic, but the Egedes stayed on, working and loving and teaching my people 'Our Father'. So Greenland was won for Christ."

Mission Band Adventurer. "Here is a brother from Africa. He will tell about Livingstone."

Negro Boy enters. "My mother, slave girl. Our White Father set her free. My father go with our White Father, find great rivers, great lakes and Sounding Smoke."

Mission Band Adventurer. "He means 'Victoria Falls'."

Negro boy nods and exclaims. "White Queen. Many boys, many girls in my country not read, not know about Jesus. Send teachers. Please!"

Mission Band Adventurer. "This boy is going to get an education and go back to his own people. David Livingstone lived and died for Africa, and we must go forward as he did and carry on his work. We will have his life a sweet memory for our chest."

Boy or Girl in costume. "I come to tell you of a Brave Adventurer who came to my home years ago when my grandmother was a little girl. My people live far off on the Island of Aniwa in the Pacific Ocean. Once they were cannibals and very savage. One day a ship, *The Day Spring*, sailed into their harbor and a man and his wife and little girl got off. The man was John Paton. A neighboring chief had told our people not to kill Mr. Paton. Though they wanted to very much, they did not dare, but they made him build his house right down at the shore, thinking their gods would kill him. Nothing happened and soon he had finished his house and built a church and was teaching them about God and of Jesus who came and died for them. He was so kind that the people grew to love him. The people needed water badly in the dry seasons so Mr. Paton prayed to God and God showed him where to dig a well. Mr. Paton started to work but no one would help him, so he worked alone until at last he came to lovely clear water. He gave the well to the people. The next Sunday morning our chief, Namakei, told our people that he was going to be one of Jesus followers. Then all the people brought their idols to Dr. Paton who destroyed them. Now in Aniwa, instead of savage tribes, there are Christian homes and, instead of idols, God's House, because sixty years ago John Paton was a Brave Adventurer for Jesus." (Here all the children may sing the second stanza of "I heard the voice of Jesus say").

Girl in Chinese costume enters. "Dear girls and boys of Canada, have any of you thought that a little lame girl could be a Brave Adventurer? I have come from China to tell you about an American girl called Ida Gracey who was lame and couldn't romp and play. As she grew older, she became worse and couldn't walk at all. She had always been a happy

little girl, and when she found she must always stay in bed she was happy too, because she thought of other people and not about herself. She heard about the poor cripple children in China and thought how lovely it would be if she could build a home for them. She started to pray for them and to tell all the people who came to see her about the home she wanted to build. People gave her money and gradually she collected enough to build the 'Ida Gracey Home'. So to-day in China there is a home where little children are cared for and told of the love of Jesus. Don't you think Ida Gracey was a Brave Adventurer?"

Another Girl in Chinese costume. "I, too, come from China to tell you about another Brave Adventurer called Tren Lien. She was a little Chinese cripple who had never heard of Jesus and was very bad-tempered and naughty. At last she was taken to a Christian hospital. After two years she was able to walk a little with a cane. In the hospital she heard the story of Jesus' love, and she became so sweet that everyone loved her. Tren Lien started to pray for the crippled Chinese children and she went to school to fit herself to work for them. When Tren Lien grew up she was one of the first teachers in the Ida Gracey Home. So now, if you go to China as Dr. and Mrs. Goforth have done, you will see this Home, the answer to two little girls' prayers."

Young Canada. "God answers all our prayers,
Sometimes He answers No
But those who stay at home
May sail with those who go."

All the Children sing as closing chorus, "We have heard a joyful sound," verses one, two and four.

C.G.I.T.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON Presbyterian held its annual meeting on Feb. 2nd, with representatives present from Lloydminster, Vermilion, Killam, Fort Saskatchewan and Calgary. Receipts to the end of the year were \$901.51.

The monthly "Bulletin" from the Provincial Executive, issued in

January, seemed to fill a real need, although at first intended only for unorganized minorities, so many requests for copies have been received, that the list may have to be extended to include the Auxiliaries as well.

Calgary Presbyterial recommends that a "Get-together-meeting" be held at which Mission Bands, C. G. I. T. groups, Y. W. A.'s and W. M. S. shall combine, to be a connecting link and bring about a better understanding among all the organizations.

Banff Auxiliary reports 20 members.

Mount Pleasant, Calgary, has organized a Mission Band of 10 members.

North Hill Auxiliary, organized May, 1925, with 10 members, now has 18, also 10 Home Helpers, and 20 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*. Contributions of \$35.10 had been sent in; \$5.00 was used for supply work, and the *Burning Bush* has been studied. The deepening interest and zeal are most encouraging.

St. Andrew's Church, Calgary, has a W. M. Auxiliary of 16 members, 30 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*, and 3 C. G. I. T. Groups, with a membership of 50.

High River is finding difficulty in keeping up its services as five dollars must be paid for the use of the town hall for every meeting, the ladies of the congregation being responsible for that sum.

One hundred and six women were present at the W. M. S. meeting for prayer at Red Deer, when Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists and United Church women took part in the programme, Mrs. Matheson gave a paper on "Prayer and Missions," and Mrs. Galbraith a talk on the "League of Nations and the Peace of Locarno."

Killam Ladies Association at its February meeting had a report of the Edmonton Presbyterial "annual," several visitors were present, and a collection of \$9.00 was taken. Best of all is the willingness of every member to take part in the programme, or give any assistance asked.

Calgary Presbyterial reports \$1,168.96 sent to Toronto between June 10th and December 31st.

ONTARIO

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PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING

THE Annual Meeting will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bathurst Street and Barton Avenue, Toronto, April 27, 28, 29.

Delegates' names must be sent to Mrs. John Williams, 451 Shaw Street, Toronto, by April 10th stating whether a billet is required, if staying with friends state where. Should delegates find it impossible to attend the meeting, please notify hostess and Billeting Secretary at once.

RAILWAY INFORMATION

Convention rates are being granted by the lines governed by the Canadian Passenger Association, Eastern Lines.

If 150 or more attend, return fare will cost one-half single fare plus 25 cents validation fee. Going tickets and certificates will be issued April 22 to April 28th, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including May 3rd. Standard Certificates are only issued when single fare is not less than seventy-five cents. Will delegates please remember to buy a single first class ticket asking at time of purchase for a Standard Certificate. Delegates living outside the boundaries governed by the Eastern Lines division of the Canadian Passengers Association, in order to benefit by Convention rates should buy a regular return ticket to the nearest point and from there buy a single fare ticket asking at the same time for a Standard Certificate.

Huron P.S.—The annual business meeting was held in the Baptist Church, Clinton, January 12th, with an attendance of forty. The President, Mrs. F. H. Larkin, occupied the chair. Encouraging reports were presented by the Secretaries of the various departments. The Treasurer reported \$1,765.58, from July to December 31st, sent to Provincial Treasurer, also a bale, valued at \$104.00, sent to Maple Creek, Sask. A resolution was conveyed to Ontario Provincial Society expressing deep appreciation of the work of the late Mrs. F. H. Ross, and the great loss sustained by the W.M.S. and the Presbyterian Church throughout Canada. Organization is reported of two new Auxiliaries, Auburn with twenty-five members and Blyth with a good membership.

Superior P.S.—The annual executive meeting was held on January 11 at the home of Mrs. W. F. Hogarth, Fort William. There were twelve members present. Excellent reports were received from Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, and C.G.I.T. Groups in Fort Francis, Port Arthur and Fort William. The money raised by these various societies since June totalled \$636.00.

Chatham P.S.—Receipts of more than \$2,500 for the past six months were reported by Mrs. Stark, Treasurer. All reports indicated progress and a spirit of service and devotion. *The Glad Tidings* has truly lived up to its name, and many Auxiliaries plan increased subscriptions for 1926. Mrs. Chas. Scott of Windsor presided.

Guelph P.S.—The Executive met in Guelph, Feb. 11th, to receive reports for the last six months, Miss McLellan, President, presiding. The reports showed progress along every line. The Treasurer reported \$4,826 sent to the Provincial Treasurer from June 10th to end of December. Special attention was given the Y. W. A. and C. G. I. T.

departments. A letter was read from Mrs. D. Inglis Grant setting forth the needs of our Society and the call for fifty volunteers. With this in view the Executive deemed it advisable to emphasize the work among the young women, and plans were laid to bring the responsibilities of our work before the young people at our Presbyterial meeting in May.

QUEBEC

MONTREAL P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held at the Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul, Montreal, on Feb. 2nd & 3rd. The President, Mrs. J. G. Savage, occupied the chair. There were 287 members registered, 56 of whom were from places outside the city.

The beautiful church and fine music gave a delightful setting to one of the best annual meetings ever held in the city. The dominant note throughout was thankfulness to God for bringing us so far on our way since June 10, 1925.

The reports showed 31 Auxiliaries with 1,177 active members, 461 Home Helpers, 4 Y. W. Circles with 65 members, 12 Mission Bands with 322 members, 10 C. G. I. T. Groups with 130 members, with work going on regularly and steadily.

There are still, a few congregations without a W. M. S. organization because they have no meeting-place. The lack of a Mission Band Secretary retarded the work in this Department, but this has been overcome by the appointment of two joint-conveners, one for the city and one for the country districts.

The Treasurer's report showed \$6,966.63 had been raised.

One of the most important department reports was that of the Welcome & Welfare. In co-operation with Miss Macarthur, much good work was done during the summer and autumn, among strangers arriving in Montreal.

Mrs. J. G. Savage, the President, in her address, urged the members to accept a little more responsibility; give their time and substance unstintingly; show their interest by closer co-operation and fellowship with those in the work.

Mrs. Savage stated that our allocations would shortly be received from Toronto; also that Miss Hugill, as "deaconess at large," would supplement Miss Macarthur's work as well as work in Chinese groups.

Mrs. H. R. Horne of Toronto brought greetings from the Council Executive, and assured her hearers, that the Executive could have done little or nothing without the loyal support of the great body of Presbyterian women. She referred to certain women in the Bible who

were examples of thrift, wisdom, tact and understanding, and added. "We need women of like qualities for our work to-day." Mrs. Horne also gave a report of the Conference of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, held in Atlantic City, and of the meeting of the Home Missions Council at St. Louis, and gave glimpses of the subjects treated and of the helpful relationship these Conferences bear to the work of the individual Boards. Missionary enterprise and its relation to world peace is receiving much attention from Presbyterian women of the United States.

Miss Agnes Dickson's story of her visit to the Western Provinces, was full of inspiration and encouragement. Miss Dickson also spoke of her work among the Chinese and stressed the necessity of treating the Chinese in a Christian spirit, in order to break down old prejudices. Many of these people return to their own land, and there, bear testimony for or against us. As true consistent Christians it is our responsibility to see that this testimony be for good.

Greetings were brought to the meetings from the Provincial W. M. S. by Mrs. I. C. Sharp; by Mrs. Paterson from the Baptist W. M. S. and by Mrs. Brayley from the Anglican W. M. S.

As the Moderator of the General Assembly and the Moderator of Presbytery were in Toronto; the greetings of Presbytery were presented by the Rev. J. J. McCaskill and the splendid message of the Moderator, Dr. Scott, was read by Mrs. Scott.

Changes in officers: Pres., Mrs. J. W. Dougherty; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. S. Louson; Treas., Mrs. W. E. Baker; Dept. Secs.—Young Women's, Mrs. Jas. Clish; Mission Bands, Mrs. J. T. McVittie, and Mrs. R. J. Miller; C. G. I. T., Miss Jean Ferguson; Home Helpers, Mrs. C. V. Stackhouse and Mrs. G. W. Smith; Welcome & Welfare, Mrs. J. Gordon Reid; Mission Band and C.G.I.T. Supplies, Mrs. R. W. Burry; *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. Chas. Johnson; Library, Mrs. Thos. Mitchell; Life Membership, Miss L. A. Sinclair; Exchange, Mrs. E. B. Busted; Press, Mrs. Gordon Wilson.

Quebec P.S. held its first meeting since June 10th in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, on Feb. 9th. The President, Mrs. Allisten Murray led the devotional exercises. There was a remarkable attendance and fervent zeal was shown among the delegates.

The department Secretaries' reports showed that the membership is steadily increasing in all the Auxiliaries in that district; that renewed interest is evidenced in the work, and that the spirit of good fellowship prevails among the members.

The Treasurer's report, was given by Mrs. Murray, and was considered most satisfactory, about \$750.00 having been raised since June.

Reports from ten departmental Secretaries were followed by a discussion on the different phases of work.

Miss Cameron, Provincial Treasurer, brought greetings from the Provincial Board and also led in a conference founded on three words, "consecration, loyalty and co-operation," showing the ways and means of advancing work with the best results. She also presented the annual statement and items concerning the 1926 budget.

The address of the President, Mrs. Murray, was inspiring and encouraging to the workers.

Miss Dickson, returned missionary, then gave a talk on her work in China, telling of the wonderful way God worked among the people and how eager they were after they once heard the gospel story. She stressed the great need of help in the work of saving the world for Christ.

Prayer

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, as we draw near to Thee through Jesus our Saviour, may we be conscious of Thy presence with us, and may the Holy Spirit guide us in our communion with Thee. Quiet our hearts that we may hear Thy voice revealing to us Thy will. Give to each of us a new vision of our risen Lord, and may our one desire be to know Christ and the power of His resurrection. May we have a faith that will rest in Thy word, and may we be filled with the knowledge of Thy will. Help us to yield our lives to Thee. May we be so dead to self, that Thou, O Christ, wilt be able to live in each one of us. Thou who art the Light of the World, help us to reflect Thy light. We thank Thee, our Saviour, for calling us to be Thy disciples and for the great privilege of communion with Thee. May Thy vision be our vision, O Christ. Thou did'st come to save the world, this was Thy passion, let it be our passion. We would lift up our eyes and look on the fields, white already to harvest and pray, as never before, for laborers to go forth into Thy harvest and so fulfil Thy desire. We would join Thee, O Lord, in Thy work of intercession. We would make known Thy gospel wherever there is darkness, until all shall hear the story of Thy wondrous love. Conscious of sin and unworthiness, we come to Thee and ask Thy forgiveness. Speak Thy word of peace to each heart and may Thy Holy Spirit be our constant guide. In the name of Jesus we ask all. Amen.

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Correction for February number:—Miss Barbara Joan Dougherty instead of Jones; Mrs. G. E. Robertson instead of Robertson; under In Memoriam, Mrs. James Alves, Knox Crescent Aux., Montreal, by her son, Charles H. Alves.

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Saugeen P.S.—All communications intended for the President should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. D. McPhee of Mount Forest as the President, Mrs. Burnett, has removed to St. Mary's.

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January and February 1926

RECEIPTS

Toronto, Mrs. Thompson	
S. Porcupine Hospital	\$ 25.00
Toronto, Mrs. J. H.	
Thompson, South Porcupine Hospital	5.00
Toronto, Hill District	
Aux., South Porcupine Hospital	10.00
Huntingdon, Que., Sunday School, South Porcupine Hospital	5.00
A Friend, South Porcupine Hospital	50.00
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Nelson, B.C., Mrs. N. G. McCallum	5.00
A Friend, Sustaining and Pension Fund	500.00
<i>Provincial Givings:</i>	
Ontario Provincial	2,416.08
Quebec	900.00

\$3,966.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Chinese Work in Canada	\$ 449.98
South China	883.31
India	300.00
Indian Work in Canada	28.06
Persian Work	355.20
Social Service	876.32
South Porcupine Hospital	732.63
South Porcupine Building and Equipment	6,675.23
New Liskard Home	198.94
Furnishings for Deaconess Home	48.55
Education of Medical & Other Workers	200.00
Student	50.30
Publication	618.85
Organization	280.25
Administration	1,159.63

\$12,857.25

FINANCIAL SURVEY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1926.

Credit Balance December 31st, 1925	\$76,371.90
Receipts	3,966.08
Disbursements	\$12,857.25
General Savings Account	50,000.00
Pension Fund	885.43
Sustaining Fund	10,049.57
Credit Balance	6,545.73

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Editorial

MARY MACLEOD MOORE in her London Letter in *Saturday Night*, recently referred to Canada as the *Outer Empire*. The term is vivid and, to us, almost startling, possibly because our W.M.S. has just opened medical work at Fort McMurray, Alberta, on the outer fringe of this *Outer Empire*. While this service belongs, primarily, to the realm of what we call our National Missions, the other term gives it a wider significance and makes those who in any way assist in this new venture sharers in the great task of Empire building.

Three hundred and four miles north of Edmonton, where the steel ends and the waterway to the north begins, stands Fort McMurray, a small place in winter, a busy centre in summer, and destined, through its salt works and tar sand industries, to become more and more important. Here there is a resident doctor but no hospital, and should anyone further north fall ill he would have to be brought by water to Fort McMurray and thence by rail to Edmonton. As one resident said, "If any place needs a hospital Fort McMurray does," and a building however small, would be a great boon. It is the point from which all the fur trade goes. The MacKenzie River is longer than the Mississippi, and there are lakes and rivers contributory to the south, which means that there are a great many trappers besides the Indians, half breeds, and white settlers needing medical care. A temporary log building has been secured for a hospital unit, and on March 30th, Miss Olive Ross of Edmonton, a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, left for this distant post. Miss Ross is familiar with pioneer conditions and feels that this work is the most worth while service in which she can engage. Our prayers and good wishes follow this missionary nurse as she takes up her work at this outpost of the *Outer Empire*.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS OF OUR CHURCH was held on March 17th. To serve on this Board the General Assembly last June appointed fifty members, plus the Conveners of the Mission Committees of Synods and ten women from the Western Division of the W.M.S. and three from the Eastern Division. This Board was authorized to elect an Executive of two women from the Western Division, one from the Eastern, and ten men. At the first meeting of the Board a

number of questions were considered, but owing to pressure of time many matters of importance were referred to the Executive to be dealt with.

REV. E. O. ESHOO, who was appointed to minister to the Persians in North Battleford is busy at work. His people were overjoyed to learn of his coming, and some twenty of them met him on his arrival. He began his work by visiting the different families, and they all welcomed him heartily. He found some on a farm, four miles from the city, and one, twenty miles out. As a rule they drive into the city and, on Sunday, they had thirty-five present at the service, which is held in a hall. They sang in their own language and were so glad and happy to hear a sermon in their own tongue. There are a number of young people, and Mr. Eshoo is going to form a choir. The work at this point is promising.

MRS. MACQUEEN who, for some years has been giving part time service at our Chinese Mission in Victoria, B.C., has been appointed a full time worker and placed in charge of the Chinese work. Mrs. Macqueen brings to this service ripe experience and high educational qualities, being a graduate of McGill University. We would assure her of our prayerful support as she assumes full responsibility of this important mission.

MISS MCILWAIN, MATRON OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL HOME, NEW LISKEARD, paid us a brief visit during the Easter holidays. Among the many interesting things she told us was, that three of the pupils, Dan, Ellenor Morrison and Emily Haughton, each took one hundred per cent. in Algebra at the Easter examinations. They are all in the first form in the High School.

MISS LUELLA I. CROCKETT OF SOUTH CHINA, who is in Canada on furlough is at present at her home in Nova Scotia. The serious illness of her father has prevented her doing as much speaking as she would like. In her last letter she says: "I feel hopelessly homesick for the Chinese and our work. Were it not for my father I could start back to-day."

MISS ETHEL REID, OF SOUTH CHINA, who has been taking further Bible training in New York is returning in time to go to the Council meeting in Saskatoon. She will remain in the West for a time doing deputation work.

THE MEMBERS OF THE W.M.S. will regret to learn that Miss Laura K. Pelton, our efficient and well-beloved Field Secretary has been laid aside through illness. Shall we not all be prayer partners with her, in asking God to restore her to health and strength, and to the work she loves so

well? We would also remember especially the veteran missionary of our church, Dr. John Wilkie of Gwalior, who has overtaxed his heart and has been ordered to rest. A letter received April 6th states that he is a little better but needs to be very careful.

WE WOULD EXTEND OUR DEEP SYMPATHY to Mrs. Joseph Henderson of Toronto, on the great loss she has sustained in the death of her husband. In the passing away of Mr. Henderson, our Church loses one of its most loyal supporters, and our W.M.S. a most generous benefactor. While interested in all missionary work, that in Honan held the warmest place, because for a great many years Mrs. Henderson was W.M.S. Secretary for that field and had an intimate knowledge of every detail of the work there. In their giving, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson studiously avoided publicity, and only the missionaries know the extent of their gifts and, too, the warmth of their hospitality at furlough time. To the God of all comfort we commend the widow and the family who to-day know the meaning of missing and mourning a beloved husband and father.

OUR HEARTS GO OUT IN SYMPATHY to two of our port workers who have recently suffered bereavement, Miss McArthur of Montreal, who mourns the passing of a beloved father, and Miss Scott of the same city, the loss of her brother.

New Ontario is the title of a most interesting leaflet which has just been published. It is from the pen of Rev. J. A. MacInnis of New Liskeard, and deals with the early history of the great north country, its wealth, natural resources and the relation of the Church to its development. With our School Home, located at New Liskeard, our hospital at South Porcupine, and two deaconesses at large working out from Cochrane and North Bay our readers would be wise indeed to secure this leaflet which is all we claim for it and a great more. It is being sold at ten cents a copy.

ANOTHER *News Bulletin* IS BEING ISSUED BY OUR CHURCH. It promises to be a most interesting number. It will feature the Budget for this year, and give latest news from the Boards of our Church—Sabbath School, Publications and Mission—also from the Presbyteries and the W.M.S., east and west. It is issued free* and every member is entitled to a copy. For information apply to Rev. J. W. MacNamara, 123 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay St., Toronto 2.

DELEGATES TO THE COUNCIL MEETING IN SASKATOON are asked to purchase summer rate tickets. They are good from May 15th to October 31st, and allow delegates to go to Edmonton and Banff if they desire to do so.

God's Ancient People, Israel

MISS ETHEL G. GUNN

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."—Romans 10:1.

RABBI STEPHEN WISE has made the statement: For eighteen hundred years, certainly for most of that time, Jews have have not been given an opportunity to know what Christianity is, least of all to understand who Jesus was and what the Christ means. The very ignorance of the Jew, touching Jesus . . . condemns not the Jew but Christendom.

What an indictment, when we remember, that "the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

There never has been, since the dispersion, such an awakening amongst the Jews as there is to-day. There are many who are crying out for God's salvation. Does not this constitute a challenge to us to point them to the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can satisfy the hunger of their hearts?

It is the exception, now, rather than the rule, to have portions of the scriptures, or tracts, refused; in many instances there is an eagerness, though perhaps at times somewhat suppressed, in accepting them.

In the course of visiting and tract distribution last summer, one worker came in touch with a lovely young woman who was quite willing to accept a gospel and some tracts in Yiddish. She immediately began to read and in a few moments, as she read on and on, was apparently unconscious of those about her. When it was time to leave she was asked if she had ever heard the "good news" before, she replied, "No, I never heard it before." It gave one a terrible feeling to know that there was even one person in the heart of Toronto who had never heard the wonderful message of redeeming love.

One is met with various requests. Upon entering a home one day during the war, a worker was greeted with, "Do you think you could get my husband back from France?" The question was a bit staggering for a moment but the little woman was told that we would see what could be done. There was constant sickness in this family and the doctor had said that the husband should really be at home, so there was something to work on. To make a long story short—certain wheels were set in motion (a military officer and the doctor proving most kind), and, in what seemed a very short time, word was received that the request for this man's return had been granted—and in a few weeks he was at home. But the homecoming was not unmixed with sadness for the poor man had developed tuberculosis, of which he died some months later in one of the sanitariums.

While the work amongst the Jews is essentially evangelistic, it is

little services of this kind, that one is sometimes able to render, which often open doors that would otherwise be closed.

I might add that this little woman was for years bitterly opposed to listening to the gospel message but latterly has been willing to accept tracts and, indeed, at the last visit showed a slight interest in what was being given her.

One young Hebrew Christian said to me recently, "Ask them (the Gentiles) just to be kind to us—you don't know how often we are hurt," and the thought came to me that in causing the Jewish people to suffer, we bring suffering upon Him who in His human genealogy was a Jew, and the words in Zechariah 2:8 were recalled to mind, "He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye."

Let us not forget that there is a special blessing from God for all who befriend the Jew. God's promise to Abraham still holds good to-day, "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."—Genesis 12:2, 3.

Then there is God's call to His people to remember His ancient people at a throne of grace, Isaiah 62:6,7. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise on the earth."

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."—Psalm 122:6.

The Bhils Hold a White Gift Christmas Service

MISS. B. W. ROBSON, AMKHUT.

IN SPITE of the harassing events of the past year, the School has gone on. Vireya Master's work amongst the primary classes has produced excellent results, and enables me to give more time to the senior classes. Class VI did well in the final examinations in April, all the seven boys passing with good standing. We look to these lads for future leaders. Two of them are sons of Naku, the elder at Pardi, and are fine, upright, promising boys.

The School garden, except for the good crop of corn in the rainy season, was a failure this year. The rains stopped so suddenly that the boys could not get the ground ploughed again for the winter vegetables. Our own garden which was so promising last year is in the same condition and we grumble because our tomatoes have all shrivelled up.

The School attendance kept up well, even through the rains and

the cold season. The average is well over one hundred, though we hear with dread, rumors of whooping cough in the neighborhood. As yet only one Christian family has it, but it is impossible to quarantine the Bhils, so we can hardly hope to escape.

Christmas is over! It was a great occasion this year, requiring two days' celebration instead of one. On Thursday afternoon the school children gave their programme and Santa Claus paid them a visit. Then on Christmas morning we had a White Gift Service, and, if possible, the Church was fuller than the day before. The gifts could not be large but they were given with such evident eagerness that surely they must have been acceptable to the King whose birthday they were remembering. Corn, rice, eggs, white chickens, a cocoanut cut in two, to show the white meat, money—annas and rupees all specially shined up for the occasion, and a white calf!

Our own family of three Bhil babies is growing up, all healthy and happy. Martha's great delight is in singing but she often begins it too early in the morning to meet with our approval. Patsy has a boy's interest in all sorts of insects and if he can catch a spider or a grasshopper with which to chase the girls, his joy is complete. Ruth, our youngest, now one and a half years old, is a regular little whirlwind. Fear, she does not know and even enters heartily into the favorite realistic game of "panther." Getting down on all fours, she goes "roaring" after her prey and when a hunter points a finger at her and says "bang-bang-bang", she rolls over and lies perfectly still, until a kiss restores her to life and activity again. She knows well how to order the older ones about and reprove them when they are naughty—mimicing my exasperated tone in the funniest way. Her own naughtinesses, which are plenty, she would be glad to have overlooked.

There is much sickness about, this cold season due, no doubt, to the unusually mild cloudy weather we have had. The houses of the Bhils are airy and comfortable for well people, but in times of sickness the suffering from exposure is great and there are frequent deaths due to lack of ordinary care and suitable food. If we only had some simple accommodation on the compound where patients could be properly nursed, many a life might be spared. Already this winter, six Christians have died, and of these, only one received adequate care in her own home.

RELIGION

"O brother man! Fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other.
Each smile, a hymn, each kindly deed, a prayer."

Would I? Would You?

ONE day in loved Jerusalem,
 There rushed a shrieking, mad-
 dened crowd
 Upon a lowly kneeling form.
 Before his God and Saviour bowed.
 And, when with cruel stones they
 crushed
 His beautiful and gentle life,
 He prayed the Father to forgive
 Their ignorance and raging strife.
 This man was Stephen. Lo, a Jew,
 Who died for Christ.
 Would I? Would you?

See, far upon a lowly isle,
 An aged man with snowy locks,
 Exiled to labor in the mines,
 His only temple, wind-swept rocks.
 Ah, once he leaned on Jesus' breast,
 And gazed with fond, adoring eyes
 Into that face, where love, divine
 Still beams upon us from the skies.
 This man was John, beloved, a
 Jew,
 Witness for Christ.
 Am I? Are you?

A Galilean fisher stood
 Amid a fierce and angry throng,
 No tremor spoke of hidden fear,
 His face was peaceful, calm and
 strong.
 And when they nailed him to the
 cross,
 As they had nailed his Blessed Lord,
 He gloried thus to die for Christ,
 And counted it a rich reward.
 This man was Peter. Lo, a Jew,
 Who died for Christ.
 Would I? Would you?

A captive, bound, was brought one
 day
 To Nero's judgment seat at Rome,
 For Christ, he wore the heavy chain,
 For Christ, he had no wealth nor
 home,
 The noblest martyr Rome could boast
 Of all the thousands, that she slew,
 The great Apostle, sent by God
 To Gentiles, with the message, true;
 This man was Paul. E'en Paul, the
 Jew,
 Who died for Christ.
 Would I? Would you?

—Philo Israel.

Silent Workers

MRS. GEORGE M. BEGG.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous."

WE SPEAK not of failure when every report is brimming with encouragement and advance. Our Home Helpers (Silent Workers, Mrs. Ross used to call them), are praying women whose influence is felt in all our work. Brave words of encouragement come to us from small isolated groups, without a minister or a church.

Barrie reports "financially weaker—spiritually stronger." From Lanark and Renfrew "the dominant note is pronounced optimism." Port Credit has thirty-eight out of forty-two receiving *The Glad Tidings*. Brampton has sent \$190 from forty-eight members. Molesworth reports, "No minister. Offering small, but ready now to do better. The main thing is to get every one thinking about the work." New Liskeard states "Every

thing is encouraging." Bayfield writes, "No church, no minister—just a little band of faithful workers doing what we can to uphold our beloved Presbyterian Church."

Every Presbyterian in Ontario reported. Some gave no figures as organization in shattered congregations is not completed. Many officers are inexperienced but are eager to learn, so prospects for real work next year are bright indeed. Three hundred and fifteen Home Helpers became Auxiliary members. We are all specially eager for Church news this year and our splendid magazines should be in the hands of every Presbyterian woman. Nothing will enlist our sympathy in the work like knowledge.

A great work has been entrusted to us, and in facing it we have a deepening consciousness of inadequacy. We are never told to do anything but the needed strength is given with the command—so we go forward, learning God's will a day at a time, knowing full well that our work will prosper.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous."

Forward!

MARGARET MCK. MACTAVISH

TRUE to the faith of our fathers:	Take up the tasks that He giveth;
True to their God, and our	Feeling nor anger nor hate:
Guide:	Thinned are our ranks, but His
Sound the "Advance!" sister-	power
workers;	
Forward, to paths yet untried!	Ever to help, is as great.

Trusting the hand that has led us
Through all the way hitherto,
Forward, with courage undaunted;
Forward, to victories new

Canadian Girls in Training Constitute Three Cities

STATISTICS show 31,710 girls listed throughout Canada since September 1, 1925, with 730 centres of work

More impressive, however, than numbers were the reports of the Provincial Girls' Work Secretaries who met in Toronto at a recent staff conference.

In connection with work in British Columbia, mention was made of a flourishing Japanese Group and also of a Group among Indian girls. An additional fact was that in Washington state interest had been evidenced

in the Canadian C.G.I.T. and that they would like to model their organization after ours.

Alberta.—Reference was made to the mixed population, to the people from many countries in this province. Mosques rising above the trees showed where the parents' interest centred, but the daughters were ready to become Canadian Girls in Training.

Saskatchewan.—In this province great progress has been made, and even in isolated places the strains of the National Anthem have been distinctly heard.

Manitoba.—"The gardens of girls" are continually growing. The effect is seen especially in the foreign districts. The teachers in the schools pay tribute to the training and results and unhesitatingly affirm that no other organization has had the same effect on the school life as has the C.G.I.T.

Ontario.—This is the largest field to cover. The solution is conferences held in various districts. Great interest has been evinced through this plan.

Quebec.—Social Service was stressed also the benefit of C.G.I.T. Groups in isolated and rural communities. Two affiliated Groups, one in Honan, started by a girl who went out as a missionary, and another in Ladysmith, South Africa, indicate the hold this organization has taken on the girls.

The report sent in from the Maritime Provinces was encouraging.

Groups registered outside of Canada included six in Newfoundland, one in Michigan, U.S.A., and one in Trinidad.

On request, exhibits of supplies, activities, etc., had been sent, during the year from the Supply Depot to New Zealand.

Important conferences were held between Provincial Girls' Work Secretaries and representatives of the various Women's Missionary Societies. Through closer co-operation they sought to strengthen the bond of missionary interest and activity. The W.M.S. is to furnish copies of their reports from Girls' Groups so that Provincial Secretaries may more readily check up the Programme of missionary education among C.G.I.T. Groups. Also the W.M.S. is to prepare a card of C.G.I.T. affiliation stating their policy of co-operation, and further to furnish C.G.I.T. Groups with a list of specific pieces of missionary service which may be undertaken by the girls. The Mission Study book and accompanying programme is to be ready for the summer camps in order that the C.G.I.T. girls may become familiar with the study recommended for next winter's work.

"Montreal Presbyterial has 461 Home Helpers and Quebec 47. Wishing you every success in this wonderful work and hoping to be able to share some of the responsibility."

—Quebec.

Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON.

IT WAS threshing time in the far west. The crops had been reaped and the threshers, as was their custom, were travelling from farm to farm to garner in the grain. All were anxious to make the most use of the fine days, because no one knew just how long they would last.

One Saturday, the men working on one of the homesteads, announced their intention of threshing on Sunday. Mrs. B. who was cooking for them, heard the conversation; and immediately refused to prepare their meals for Sabbath, should such a step be taken.

"God gave us the grain, and He expects us to save it"; retorted one of the men.

"God also gave us His commandments, which are of far more consequence than the grain": replied Mrs. B.

Her husband coming in, heard what was being said; and signified his intention to keep the Sabbath, regardless of what the other men did.

Finally, one man said: "Well yours is the last farm we are to go to. Supposing the rains come; and because of the days lost from work, you lose your crop—what then?"

Undaunted, the trusting Christian soul replied: "The cattle upon the thousand hills belong to my Father, and He who cares for the sparrows will take care of us."

They did not thresh on Sunday. The rains came, and operations at the B's farm were suspended for two weeks.

Did God fail them? was their faith in Him unrewarded?

In the two weeks the price of grain had so far advanced that they cleared \$600.00 more from the sale of their crop, than they could, had it been marketed earlier.

"Them that honor *Me*, I will honor."

A Good Thing To Pass On

"SOMETIMES I read articles or hear men speak about Christianity and its prospects who say, 'Is Christianity going to survive?' or hear addresses upon the possibility that Christianity may resolve itself into some humanitarian religion, and I wonder whether such persons have lost the sense of humour or the sense of history, or both."

"Men and women, the Christianity of the Lord Jesus Christ is a fire which He came to kindle. 'I came,' He said, 'to kindle a fire.' You and I are not like a group of men upon a lonely moor, kneeling down to prevent a little spot of fire being blown out by the great winds of the

world, although to listen to some people you would think we were. The Christian Church is not nervously engaged in trying to prevent the extinction of Christianity from the universe. Christianity is in far wiser hands than ours, as it has always been. What you and I have to do is to keep in touch with the fire. The fire will always burn; the question is whether it will burn in our lives, whether it has got material to use in our devotion and thought and perseverance that will enable God to do the work of lighting and warming our age. That is the problem for our service, and that is where we are to learn again the great truth that the Christian religion, the Christian service, implies first-hand acquaintance with God.

"Now that may seem a very obvious thing to say, but here is the fact: to-day the world is loud with voices speaking against God; denouncing Christianity. We don't need to be upset about that; that has always been the case. The world is full of people talking about God, discussing religion in various aspects, and we forget that Christianity will never survive by listening to people talking *about* God. Christianity begins and continues and thrives as we hear God speaking *to* us. The great weakness of our service to-day is that we are not giving enough time to hear the voice of God. We are making our worship too much a lecture or a concert, and we are failing to do as our fathers did, with all their defects. Our fathers knew that worship meant to be still and know that God is God, to hear the voice of God speaking, and that is at the heart of Christian service."

From an address by the Rev. James Moffatt, of Glasgow, Scotland delivered at the Commencement of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston Ill., June 1925.

OUR LETTER BOX

Gwalior, India.

"We are now arranging the Girls' School work with Mrs. Hawtin in charge. She is an experienced, tactful, kindly Christian co-worker; she has already made herself very agreeable to the Christian community so far as they have been able to know her. She is a self-sacrificing spirit and is willing to take the principalship of the new Girls' School, until someone with the training and experience necessary is appointed to carry on this work. We are planning to have the school made suitable for the opening. Miss Caswell and Miss Baxter have gone to Central India, and new teachers will be required, also supplies of different kinds which we shall hope to have ready soon. Our intention is not to open school until July 1st. That

will enable Mrs. Hawtin to spend May and June, the hot months, in the hills, and to carry on still further her language study. She has passed with high standing her first year's examination in the language, and I have no doubt will do just as well in the second year's work. The children all wish to be at home during the hot months and so all will be ready to start afresh on first of July, Mrs. Hawtin taking entire charge of that work.

It is such a joy to us out here to work along with such a fine band of devoted missionary spirits as the members of the W.M.S. are. It cheers us to know that we always can count upon your hearty sympathy and co-operation as well as your earnest prayers."

—Dr. John Wilkie.

South Porcupine.

"We got our first patient in three weeks ago, and since then we have had fourteen patients in the hospital, six of these fourteen were operation cases, five being major ones. We also had two external patients, who just came in for treatment and went home the same day. One of these was a minor operation, so you see we have been pretty busy all the time. We received a nice gift of fresh flowers—carnations, daffodils and tulips—last week from the 'Kitchener Rebecca Lodge' of South Porcupine. At one of the lodge meetings they decided to bring us flowers once a month, to help to make the wards bright for our patients.

We have had quite a number of foreigners, some of whom speak very little English, so it makes our work difficult at times. Up to now, we have had French Canadian, Italian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, French and English. I have been trying to learn some Ukrainian but it is not very easy. It sounds much like Russian.

An old patient of mine called this week, he was in the Matheson Hospital for seven weeks while I was there. I showed him all over the building and he thought it very well equipped, especially the operating room. My second last patient was a Matheson man. He had been working in the Dome mine and had dislocated his knee. He also asked to see through the hospital, so that he could tell his people when he got home what a nice place this is. He went home yesterday for a ten days' rest. We put his knee in a plaster cast, so, taking everything into consideration, we have had quite a variety in our work. We expect a patient in to-morrow to have her tonsils removed. That will bring the number up to fifteen."

—Miss A. E. Chambers.

Macleod, Alta.

"As you will notice by the above address I have left the sheltering hills, the beautiful lakes and the genuine hospitality of British Columbia and now venture the broad, open, sunny, windy plains of Alberta.

There is something about British Columbia which has gotten into my blood. I loved it all and I somehow feel a friend has been left behind.

Presbyterianism in British Columbia is solidly rooted and I am confident that in two years' time our Church will be practically as strong there as it has ever been. When I recall the heroism, the sacrifice, the faith of those Minority Groups I cannot but feel and sense the spirit of the covenanters revived. In the eastern cities we know nothing of sacrifice as compared with some of those small places out here, and the one great feature is the women who, even in the midst of the ruins of their own church homes, and looking into an uncertain future so far as an actual church home is concerned, yet catch the missionary vision and can release hold upon immediate surroundings long enough to lend a helping hand in the great, broad, pulsating purpose of the Church as it exists in the missionary endeavor. My whole soul bows in awed reverence to the spirit of the persecuted Minority Groups of our beloved Church. I make this statement, and I make it boldly: 'Canada has never known greater courage than that which exists to-day in the Minority Groups and the much depleted congregations of the Presbyterian Church.'

In giving you a list of organizations which we succeeded in effecting during the British Columbia itinerary might I say that in not one instance did the women refuse to organize when asked! At Duncan, on Vancouver Island, the Ladies' Aid passed a resolution to become an Associate Society. In Sooke, we re-organized the Mission Band. At Kamloops a Mission Band was started, while at Salmon Arm where they have a Minority Group of only about twenty, yet we formed an Auxiliary. Grand Forks, in the Kootenay, organized an Auxiliary also Slocan City where they have not yet a regular congregation. The other places visited in British Columbia were already organized. Everywhere on the mainland, (with the exception of Duncan and Silverton which are on the Island), where there is a congregation there is either an Auxiliary or an Associate Society, and the only Associate Society I know of is in Duncan, the rest are all Auxiliaries.

Presbyterians in British Columbia deserve all the praise and consideration which the more intact east can give them.

There are some strong executive women both on the Provincial and the Westminster Presbyterial, and they certainly have done noble work.'

—Miss Laura K. Pelton.

Brampton is the Banner Band of Toronto P.S. with a membership of 64 and average attendance of 58.

London P.S. only lost one Y. W. A. through Union. Last year there were 10 Y. W. Auxiliaries with a membership of 152. This year with only 9 the membership was 139.

Bible Reading

PUT IT FIRST

THE FIRST message at the birth of Christ was a *missionary* message (Luke 2:10).

The first prayer Christ taught men was a *missionary* prayer (Matt. 6:10).

The first disciple, St. Andrew, was the first *missionary* (John 1:41).

The first message of the risen Lord was a *missionary* message (John 20:17).

The first command of the risen Lord to His disciples was a *missionary* command (John 20:21).

The first apostolic sermon was a *missionary sermon* (Acts 2:17-39).

Christ's great reason for Christian love was a *missionary* reason (John 13:35).

Christ's great reason for unity was a *missionary* reason (John 17:21).

The first coming of Christ was a *missionary* work (Luke 4:18-21).

The second coming of Christ is to be hastened by *missionary* work (Matt. 24:14).

Our Saviour's *last* wish on earth was a *missionary* wish (Matt. 28:19).

And the *last* wish of the departing Saviour should be the *first* wish of His children.—Selected

GLEANINGS AND GATHERINGS

A C. G. I. T. or affiliated group in every church or minority group in 1926, is the objective of Toronto Presbyterial.

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“During the year fifteen Home Helpers joined the Auxiliary of First Church, Edmonton, which is most encouraging. We are all working hard and every one is so anxious to help.”

—Alberta.

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“On February 22, 1925, we held our first service as a minority congregation. Since then we have fully organized and called a minister. On May 6th we organized a W.M.S. Auxiliary with a membership of fourteen. Our meetings are held monthly at the home of some member. At our next meeting we hope to arrange for the Home Helper department. We sent a parcel of books to the New Liskeard Home. Our contributions have only amounted to about seventy dollars, but we trust to do better shortly. Although our membership is small, we have thirty subscribers to *The Glad Tidings*.”

—St. Lambert, Que.

Prayer

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the fountain of all wisdom, we thank Thee for Thy gracious care over us, new every morning and renewed every evening. We thank Thee for life and health, for our friends on earth and our friends in heaven, for food, raiment and home. Keep us pure in heart and clean in life. Make us strong in temptation, brave in danger, and patient in sickness, suffering and trial. Bless all our homes. Have compassion on the homeless. Implant, deepen and nurture in our hearts sincere love and a brotherly feeling for the newcomers or strangers who have come to make their homes in Canada. Be very near the missionaries of the cross, in whatever fields they may work. Bless their efforts we pray Thee, in making this world a better and a happier place, and in hastening the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Make Thy love known to all men and grant us at last a place in Thy heavenly home, that place of many mansions, for Christ's sake. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Hymn*—"Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat." *Prayer*.—(*The Glad Tidings* p. 145). *Bible Reading*.—"Put it First."—(*The Glad Tidings* p. 144). *Minutes. Business. Roll Call*, to be responded to by outstanding sentences on prayer culled from the study book. *Solo. Study Period*. Questions and answers on Chapter IV. *Offering. Hymn*.—"Revive Thy Work, O Lord." *Lord's Prayer*.

1. What importance would you give to prayer in the training of a missionary? p. 105.

2. Give instances of Jesus praying. For what? p. 105.

3. How many prayers of the Apostle Paul are recorded? p. 106.

4. Do you know missionaries whose prayer life is notable? p. 106-7.

5. What impresses you most in the life story of Immanuel Wichern. p. 110, 112. John Gossner? p. 117. George Muller? pp. 119, 122, 125, and Dr. Barnardo? pp. 127, 129, 131.

6. What lessons ought Missionary Societies and individual Christians to learn from this Chapter? p. 131.

7. What duty do we owe the missionaries? p. 132.

AT THE BASE LINE

The home base is much more a base line for intercessory prayer than it is for monetary supply. As important as it may seem for money power behind the missionary enterprise, the necessity for prayer power is infinitely greater. Prayer secures the laborers money cannot. They would be worthless if it could. Shekels and hirelings cannot establish the Kingdom of God. It requires men who cannot be bought. Prayer that wins battles at home will secure victory on the firing line abroad. Defeat in prayer at headquarters will mean disaster in the trenches.

—Bishop W. R. Lambuth.

C. G. I. T.

“OH, the picnic car, the picnic car!” chanted an eager little maiden as she observed a huge gray bus swing around the corner. Immediately into her youthful mind had flashed a vision of green fields, leafing trees and—perhaps best of all—a tempting lunch basket. So June brings to the C.G.I.T. girl, the thought of the great out doors and with it the picnic supper. Why not suit the action to the thought, and in every Presbytery or church district plan to have a gathering of Presbyterian ‘teen-age girls? Choose the most central place. Set the hour for five o’clock, or earlier, so all may be on their homeward way before dark. Arrange a programme beginning with a bonfire and ending with taps, while in between are dispersed the picnic supper, sing song and talk by a returned missionary, Christian worker or W.M.S. representative. Where tried out, this plan has proved a great success. Won’t you try it too, and so strengthen the bond of friendship and interest among the girls of our church?

MISSION BANDS

THE FLOWER OF HAPPINESS

ONCE upon a time, in a little cottage on the edge of a forest, there lived a wood-cutter and his wife. Every morning the man took his axe over his shoulder, and, bidding his wife farewell, strode away into the forest; and every evening he returned, his eyes filled with a new wonder

at the soft, fresh green of the leaves, at the majesty of the trees and at the beauty of the flowers. When spring came and among the soft green moss the crocus fires were lighted, a torch was kindled in his heart; the summer-long singing of the birds found in his heart an echo, that lasted long after they had ceased to sing, and when the rain fell, making the rich, brown earth give back its fragrance, it seemed to bring new freshness and vigor into his whole being.

In the evening, when he sat with his wife beside the fire, he would try to find words for the song of the birds, and to read with her the message that God had given in the purity of the snowdrop and the freshness of the first peeping primrose.

Now, in the garden of the little cottage, there grew a white flower, more beautiful than the lily and more fragrant than the rose. In spring and in summer, in autumn and in winter it bloomed. The hardest frosts failed to blight it, and the rain and the wind that beat down all the other flowers in the garden could not beat its pure white blossom to the ground. Often the man and the woman would go and stand beside it, rejoicing in its beauty, and looking at each other with tender and understanding smiles, and sometimes they would bring others to look at it, for there were many who came to the little cottage for rest and refreshment, and none who came was ever turned away unhelped.

One day the prince of these regions rode through the forest and, when he reached the little cottage, he paused to admire the beauty of the garden, and, above all, the matchless loveliness of the white flower. "What is its name?" he asked of the man and woman, "In all my palace gardens I have nothing so lovely as that." "We do not know its name," they said, "and we never planted it. We came here one day in winter when not a flower showed its head above the brown earth, but in the morning, when we looked from the window, there it was, blooming bravely, and there it has been ever since. We call it 'the white flower of happiness,' but its real name we do not know."

They gave a cutting to the prince and he carried it away, but when he reached the palace the beautiful petals were shrivelled and brown, and in the grounds of the palace it would not grow. The prince was sad, for he had set his heart on the white flower, and bloom as they might the other blossoms failed to please him. "Am I not a prince," said he, "and yet a poor wood-cutter can have flowers more beautiful than I." One morning, early, the prince stole from the palace and made his way through the forest to the wood-cutter's cottage. "There is some secret which I must learn," he said. So he went in the garb of a peasant and knocked at the door of the little cottage. "I am hungry, and weary with much journeying," he said, and the wood-cutter's wife took him in and set food before him, and

all day he sat by the fireside whilst the woman went about her work. "What a beautiful flower that is," he said, and she told him how the prince had come and how they had given him a cutting for the palace garden.

"We have given away many cuttings," she said, "but we have noticed that it grows only in the gardens of those from whose doors the poor are never turned empty away, who are content with simple joys and who try, by love, to serve one another." And the prince thought of the poor who gathered daily before the palace gates, of the lavish splendor of his court, and of his own unwillingness to give himself in service for the betterment of the conditions of his people.

In the evening the wood-cutter returned and spoke with face aglow of the sweetness of the gean blossom and the glory of the golden daffodils. And then he turned to his guest and told a simple story of a Prince who had left His throne to give Himself in service to His people. The prince listened as to a new story, and in his heart he made a great resolve. Next morning he made his way back to the palace, and the poor at his gates found a new tenderness in his face and a new pity in his voice. He gave himself in service to his people. He had forgotten about the beautiful flower, but one day, looking from the palace window, he saw it blooming in his own garden.

And, at last, in every garden in the land, the white flower bloomed, and happiness was in the homes of the people and in their hearts was love.

—*The G.A. to the W.M.S. of the United Free Church of Scotland.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11,728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial Society will be held in Grace Church, Calgary, on April 8th.

Jumbo Valley and Granum have organized a joint W. M. Auxiliary, meeting alternately at each place. Starting in February with eleven members, they now have twenty-four, with eleven subscribers to *The Glad Tidings*.

Miss Olive Ross leaves on March 30, for Fort McMurray to serve as district nurse under the Presbyterian W.M.S.

St. Andrew's, Innisfail, though without a minister, and dependent upon supply since September, at its congregational meeting, February 26, reported every department of the church active, and with a balance in funds.

Miss Pelton spent a week-end at Three Hills, speaking at Bethel in the morning, and at Three Hills in the evening.

St. Andrew's, Lethbridge, has a C.G.I.T. Group of sixteen members, and a junior Mission Band of eleven. The attendance nearly always is 100 per cent. Every other meeting is a work meeting, and at the study meeting the girls themselves take the programme giving the Bible readings, and papers.

St. Andrew's, Calgary, report an organized Mission Band of thirty-six members.

Mrs. Thos. Wilson, for seven years President of Medicine Hat Auxiliary, was presented with a new Life Membership pin on leaving for Vancouver with Mr. Wilson, who has been called to Mount Pleasant Church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, March 3rd. The President, Mrs. James Herd presided over the meetings, which in attendance, general spirit of optimism, and despatch of business were equal to any held in former years. The work of construction has been carried on with much vigor, and difficulties which at first confronted the Societies are being gradually overcome, and a deeper sense of responsibility is being shown in all branches of the work.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed seventeen Auxiliaries with a total membership of 330, two Auxiliaries reporting 100 per cent. attendance. Ten of the Societies have appointed Home Helpers Secretaries and twenty-four members have been secured. Eight new Life Memberships have been reported; including Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Chilliwack, Mrs. Donald McLeod, Mrs. S. Robertson Orr, Mrs. John Petrie, Mrs. George Ellis, Mrs. G. D. Ledingham, Mrs. B. Ledingham and Mrs. A. Hyndman, all of Vancouver.

Twelve Auxiliaries report holding Thank-offering meetings, and contributions amounting to \$602 were received. Seven delegates were in attendance at the missionary conference in Toronto, and on their return presented splendid reports. One Auxiliary reports six volunteer teachers for the Chinese mission, another sent gifts to the Chinese mission. Total contributions received from Auxiliaries for the past four months amounted to \$1,487. All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. For names and addresses see page 35 of October No.

The President in her address stressed the need for work amongst the young. She referred to Miss Pelton's visit to British Columbia as the outstanding event of the past four months. Her visit was fraught

with much profit to all who heard her. Resolutions taking a strong stand against gambling devices, and intemperance were endorsed.

The evening session was devoted to Young People's work. The C.G.I.T. report showed fifteen Groups, with a membership of 144, and contributions of \$47.00. A demonstration of their work was given. The Mission Band report showed ten Bands with a membership of 217. Miss Paton of Manchuria gave an interesting address. An appeal to young people to take up missionary work was made by Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor at the close.

Mrs. Gordon McPherson graciously welcomed the delegates on behalf of St. Andrew's congregation and the ladies of New Westminster congregation entertained the delegates to dinner and tea, at which greetings were brought from the Presbytery, the Anglican, Baptist and Methodist Churches.

Plans are being made for the Provincial meeting to be held in Vancouver, 21st of April.



Delegates to the 12th Annual Presbyterial W.M.S. held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, B.C., March 3, 1926, the oldest Presbyterian Church on the mainland of British Columbia. The officers standing and wearing badges are, from left to right, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Pillar, Mrs. Herd, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor (with scarf on).

During Miss Pelton's visit to Vancouver, a public meeting, arranged by Westminster Presbyterial of all the Auxiliaries in the city, was held in Central Presbyterian Church. Miss Pelton gave a review of work accomplished and new work being taken up by the W.M.S. On the last day of Miss Pelton's stay in Vancouver, Mrs. W. J. White, Provincial President, entertained The Provincial and Presbyterial Executives, Presidents of W.M.S. and minister's wives at afternoon tea in her honor.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Board plans were made and

conveners appointed for the annual provincial meeting to be held April 21st in Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. A good programme and a large attendance is expected.

Allocations were made for the different Presbyterials. Two C.G.I.T. Secretaries, Miss Barry and Miss Mary Herd were appointed to the Presbyterial Board. The formation of three new Auxiliaries, Grand Forks; Salmon Arm, and Slocan City, a Mission Band at Kamloops, with prospects of a Home Helpers department in Nelson, were the outcome of Miss Pelton's visit, and is very encouraging.

Our former Provincial Press Secretary, Mrs. David Smith, writes from Long Beach, California, where she is sojourning. She finds our Canadian W.M.S. compares most favorably with those of the South.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY
ABOUT one hundred women from the W.M.S. Auxiliaries met in the National Assembly Hall, Winnipeg, on Thursday afternoon, February 25th, for the purpose of re-organizing the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society. There was also present Rev. D. Johnstone, Rev. J. O. Ralston, Rev. A. T. McIntosh, and Dr. W. A. Cunningham. Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson, President of the Provincial Society, occupied the chair. Mrs. H. Sellers read the scriptures and Mrs. A. Andrews offered prayer. Mrs. A. M. Fraser gave an inspiring address, and Rev. D. Johnstone brought the greetings from the Presbytery. The Constitution was presented by Mrs. Digby Wheeler.

The following officers were elected: Honorary Pres., Mrs. William McKay; Pres., Mrs. Peter Kee; Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. D. Johnstone, Mrs. W. M. Gordon, Mrs. A. M. Fraser, Mrs. John Dick; Treas., Mrs. W. H. Macdonald; Secretaries.—Corr., Mrs. G. A. Denwoodie; Press, Mrs. George S. Leckie; Rec., Mrs. A. W. Phillips; Home Helpers, Mrs. W. A. Gray; Mission Band, Mrs. J. W. Cadwell; Literature and Librarian, Mrs. R. Stewart; W. and W., Mrs. J. Lillie; Supply, Mrs. D. L. McClain, Assistant Sec., Mrs. T. Baird; Young People's, Mrs. A. T. Kernaghan. The installation prayer was offered by Dr. Cunningham.

A few encouraging words were spoken by the President elect, Mrs. Kee. The meeting closed with the benediction.

The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, report a membership of ninety.

A missionary tea was held in Calvin Church in aid of the W.M.S. Mrs. Robson and Rev. Norman A. MacEachern spoke. There was a large attendance. The C.G.I.T. helped with the programme. Everything was rendered along missionary lines.

Stonewall re-organized their W.M.S. Auxiliary in December. Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Mathieson of Stony Mountain were present and much inspiration was given those who remained to carry on the work. Twelve women were present. Mrs. Hutchinson gave a talk on the conference held in Toronto last June, of the inspiration received from it and of the openings in the home and foreign fields for the missionaries in our church. The hostess served refreshments. It was a very enjoyable meeting and nearly all expressed their intention of joining the Auxiliary. The following is the list of officers: Pres., Miss Anderson; Sec., Mrs. Gemmel; Treas., Miss M. Anderson; Mission Band Sec. and Supervisor, Mrs. F. Pollock; Welcome and Welfare Secs., Mrs. R. G. Scott and Mrs. J. Watts; Press Sec., Miss L. Anderson.

ONTARIO

MRS. A. M. EKINS, BOX 304, HESPELER, PRESS SECRETARY

ALGOMA P.S. reports a most enthusiastic annual meeting held in St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, March 2nd, the President, Mrs. Fred Stone, presiding. Six Auxiliaries, one Mission Band, and one C.G.I.T. Group presented very encouraging reports. A large delegation, and keen interest by every one, made it one of the most successful meetings ever held.

London P.S.—There is a steady growth of both interest and givings, this, together with the quiet determination of the members to go forward augurs well for the future success of W.M.S. work in this Presbyterial. They have 36 Auxiliaries, and the summer will see the organization of a few more in connection with some of the Minority Groups.

Melbourne is a Minority Group who lost everything but their faith. They have an Auxiliary of twelve members. Although only organized four months ago they have already contributed \$33.00 to the W.M.S. funds. Tait's Corners has a very active Auxiliary. The women have rallied to the cause of the W.M.S. with splendid spirit and are not daunted by the difficulties they have to face.

Kingston P.S. Press Secretary reports: "Faithful work by Press Secretaries, for we believe a judicious use of the press to be one of the most important branches of our mission work. During the year we circulated among the different Secretaries a leaflet on the aim, objects and best methods of press work. Thus we have tried during these months to plant the seeds of missionary interest, to let it be known that the Presbyterian Church is still very much alive, and that it is and always will be a missionary Church. To the Press Secretaries I would

say just one word—magnify your office. Never regard it, or allow it to be regarded as unimportant, or unessential, so magnify your office, and God will use it for the furtherance of His Kingdom.”

Stratford P.S.—A full Executive meeting of the Stratford Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, the President, Mrs. J. Erskine, presided. Mrs. G. P. Duncan, Provincial Literature Secretary and Miss S. Orr, Provincial Finance Secretary, gave interesting reports of the Executive meetings held in Toronto February 5th and 6th. It was decided to hold sectional meetings during the summer. The officers gave excellent reports which indicate that the year 1926 will be one of inspiration and upbuilding.

Ottawa P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was most encouraging. Mrs. Thorburn, the President, welcomed the delegates, and emphasized the object and purpose of the Society—to unite all the women and children of the church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad. Mrs. John Thorburn, Honorary President, read the opening scripture lesson. Mrs. T. Sidney Kirby, Corresponding Secretary reviewed the marked progress of the work. Miss Dickson, missionary on furlough, gave a summary of the work done among the Chinese in Canada. Miss Charlotte Whitton, representing the Child Welfare Council, told of the need of the big brother and sister organizations in caring for juvenile immigration. Mrs. D. Strachan, of the Council Executive, reviewed the work carried on by the W.M.S. A special Mission Band rally was held when reports were read by young leaders and great enthusiasm evinced.

Toronto P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Toronto, February 25th and 26th, the President, Mrs. R. F. Cameron of Georgetown, in the chair. The President, in her address emphasized the importance of being faithful to duty. “Faithfulness is an essential element for success.” Mrs. Stewart, Canadian Secretary of the Inland South American Missionary Union, told of the immediate need of workers in that great continent. All the Secretaries gave excellent reports showing the splendid progress in the last six months.

Thursday evening was given over to Mission Bands and C.G.I.T.’s. A group of little boys, none more than thirteen, conducted a prayer service, and a striking pageant was presented by the girls of the Hill District Group. Helpful addresses were given by Miss Agnes Dickson, Mrs. H. R. Horne, Rev. D. E. McDonald, of India, Rev. H. N. Konkle and Rev. J. W. Nesbitt of St. John’s Church, Toronto, formerly a missionary in Africa. After the dedication of the officers Mrs. Horne gave a parting message, emphasizing the new doors of opportunity open to mis-

sionary enterprise. The W.M.S. is asking for twenty-five young women to go out as doctors, nurses, teachers, and evangelists to the different fields. There were three essentials in promoting the missionary cause: conviction, co-operation and continuance. Mrs. Horne to the regret of the Toronto Presbyterial is leaving to reside in Western Canada.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

A FULL Board meeting was held on March 16th, every officer being present. Department Secretaries reported progress in each branch of the work. All are eager to push forward to still greater activity as funds permit. In all parts of the province the inevitable difficulties of reconstruction were met with, particularly in the Quebec Presbyterial where long distances and isolation had to be faced. The Auxiliaries in the province now number forty-two, with a membership of 1,301. There are seventeen Mission Bands, with 352 members; four Young Women's Auxiliaries, with sixty-five members; Sixteen C.G.I.T. Groups with 130 members; and a Home Helpers department numbering 598. Total membership 2,446.

The receipts from June to the end of the year amounted to \$6,819.85, besides cash in hand of \$239.21 sent too late to be included. Value of clothing, etc., sent to the Supply Secretary was \$885.30. Subscribers to *The Glad Tidings* number 1,034.

Meetings of Executive Board have been held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Treasurer urged the value of contributing by envelope and the practice of tithing, discussion following showed the Board to be in sympathy with these views and recommended that the matter be pressed in Auxiliaries. The Board was interested in hearing of the four Indian Reserves which have remained Presbyterian. Welcome and Welfare work was explained. There are twenty efficient workers, paid and voluntary, engaged in this work which includes hospital visiting and general oversight of needy cases.

There still seems to be some misapprehension as to the different requirements of the *Library, Literature and Exchange* departments. Presbyterial and Auxiliary Secretaries were urged continually to consult the Constitution and By-laws on these questions. Lack of familiarity is responsible for many mistakes, a condition which time and experience alone can rectify.

Mission Bands have been somewhat hampered by lack of proper accommodation for holding meetings, but seventeen Bands with a membership of 352, is a good showing for four months' work and a good foundation is laid upon which to build.

SASKATCHEWAN

A Tribute to the Late Mrs. M. B. Cumming

IN THE passing of Mrs. Cumming, Saskatchewan has lost one of its pioneer women, and yet not lost, for her memory will ever remain fragrant in the hearts of those who knew her. Especially is this true amongst the women of the Presbyterian W.M.S. in this province, where Mrs. Cumming has been a member ever since its inception.

When the first little band of Presbyterian missionary workers met in that remote corner of Southern Saskatchewan to organize the first Presbyterian W.M.S., Mrs. Cumming, then but a girl, conducted the first meeting in the absence of her mother, Mrs. Douglas, who was President.

Her life work in Westminster Church, Saskatoon, was but a fulfilment of her early training. Westminster Church will always owe a debt of gratitude to her whose life during the past years was spent within its portals.

It was fitting that Mrs. Cumming should be the first President of its W.M.S., and in the years that followed she gave of her strength and her ability to help build up this branch of the Master's work.

Not only in Saskatoon was her influence felt, she also served in the Presbyterial, and, at the time of her death, was Recording Secretary of the Presbyterian Provincial W.M.S.

She was a valued member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon.

Mrs. Cumming is gone, but her lovely Christian character, her outstanding ability and the brightness of her example will ever remain in the hearts of those she left behind.

—Mrs. Geo. McTavish.

Uncommon Service

IT IS true, and it is a great comfort that it is true, that the giving of a glass of water can please God, and the sweeping of a room can glorify Him. But woe be to us if we are content with small service. Too much thought of little things belittles. We should "attempt great things for God." Caleb said, "Give me this mountain." Mary broke the alabaster box that was exceeding precious; the disciples left all to follow Jesus, and counted it joy to suffer for His sake. Let us not be easily content. The note of heroism should be in our battles with sin, in our speaking, in our giving, in our serving. Our King deserves and expects Kingliness.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

Pray One For Another

(James, 5:16.)

"I CANNOT tell why there should come to me
A thought of some one miles and miles away,
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless a need there be that I should pray.

"Too hurried oft are we to spare the thought,
For days together, of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

"Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight
And more appalling weakness, and decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;
And so in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

"Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray."

—Marianne Farningham

Dont's

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Third Seal.—Dorothy White and Norma Carter, Forrest, Junior M. B.

Fourth Seal.—Murray Watkins, Cavel Hamlen and Muriel Hamlen, Forrest M. B. These should have been reported in the November *Glad Tidings*.

Ontario Provincial.—

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IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

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In Loving Memory of:

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British Columbia

Kamloops District.—Salmon Arm Aux.

Kootenay District.—Grand Forks Aux.; Slocan City Aux.

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Kamloops P.S.—The "Laura Pelton" M.B., Kamloops.

Ontario

Toronto P.S.—"Maple Leaf" M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Port Credit; "Sunshine" M.B., High Park Ch., Toronto; St. David's Ch. M.B., Toronto; "Young Brothers" M.B., Cowan Ave. Ch., Toronto; Evangel Hall M.B., Toronto.

Hamilton P.S.—Crowland M.B.; "Sunbeam" M.B., Erskine Presbyterian Ch., Hamilton; Knox Pres. Ch. M.B., Waterdown; "Morning Star" M.B., Knox Pres. Ch., Dunnville.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Kensington M.B., Montreal; Verdun M.B.

Quebec P.S.—Scotstown M.B.

Corrections.—In the March issue the names of seven Junior Members appear under "Cobden" M.B., Attwood. It should read "Calder" M.B., Atwood.

In April issue p. 126, the name In Memoriam Subscription should be Whitcomb not Whitecomb.

In reporting the opening of South Porcupine Hospital, it was stated that Mrs. W. M. Macdonald represented the New Liskeard Auxiliary. It should have read, Mrs. S. C. MacDonald, President of the Auxiliary.

THANK YOU

The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Red Deer, Alberta, wishes to thank Lindsay Presbyterial and Westmount Auxiliary for the splendid donation of quilts and clothing sent to them for distribution.

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We have received the Bible you sent and thanks very much. It is splendid. We are so proud of it with its wonderful history. We are a small group of some twenty families.

—Mildmay.

Treasurer's Statement

March 31st, 1926

RECEIPTS

Chilliwack, B.C., Cook's	
Church, C.G.I.T. Group \$	5.00
"A Friend" Bible for	
South Poreupine Hos-	
pital	7.75
Manitoba Provincial	80.79
Ontario	4,700.00
Quebec	650.00
Refund on Travelling Ex-	
penses	148.80

\$5,592.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Chinese Work in Canada. \$	224.99
South China	408.32
Social Service	608.66
Hospital Work	25.00
South Poreupine Hospital	670.82
South Poreupine Hospital,	
Building and Equipment	2,136.90
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Student	30.00
Publications	357.00
Organization	200.00
Administration	223.00

\$4,962.69

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Receipts	5,592.34
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General Savings Account	50,000.00
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Editorial

"IT will be a matter of profound satisfaction and sincere thanksgiving for all who are interested in the spread of the Kingdom of God that, with very deep and widespread spiritual unrest throughout the world, the demand for the Bible has never been as great as it is to-day. During 1925, the Parent Society reports a circulation of 10,040,575 portions of Scripture, a figure which has never been surpassed. The Auxiliary also reports a record circulation, having distributed during the past year 166, 879 Bibles, Testaments and Portions. The Auxiliary's income during 1925 amounted to \$131,400.65, a figure which has only once been exceeded. For such a record we should indeed thank God and take courage. Never was the need more urgent. Never was the opportunity greater. Never were people more convinced of the usefulness and the spiritual power of the work which the Society does, nor more willing to give of their substance and their prayers for the dissemination of the knowledge of Christ through His Book." This telling statement forms the opening paragraph of the eighty-sixth annual report of the Upper Canada Bible Society which is an auxiliary of The Canadian and the British and Foreign Bible Societies. Figures speak for themselves, and without comment we quote further from their excellent report:

During the year the Upper Canada Bible Society placed 34,047 Bibles, 34,275 Testaments, 92,557 Portions. Included in the above were Scriptures for the Blind—Braille 89, Moon 35; Foreign Scriptures as follows: Arabic 17, Armenian 7, Bohemian 18, Bulgarian 37, Canton 450, Croatian 91, Cree 2, Danish 14, Dutch 210, Estonian 1, Finnish 316, Flemish 83, French 3,712, Gaelic 17, German 756, Greek 285, Hebrew 427, Hindi 1, Hungarian 347, Icelandic 1, Italian 1,045, Japanese 24, Judaeo-German 333, Korean 2, Latin 17, Lithuanian 10, Maltese 1, Norwegian 161, Ojibwa 5, Persian 5, Polish 1,196, Portuguese 4, Roumanian 63, Russian 292, Ruthenian 614, Serbian 14, Slovak 89, Slavonic 4, Spanish 70, Swedish 119, Syriac 9, Welsh 14, Wenli 100. Total, 10,983.

THE JUNE *Glad Tidings* might well be called our Survey Number. Introductory to the summary of the work of the W.M.S. is a very fine presentation of the mission work the Church as a whole stands ready to

carry on. Readers will notice that the W.M.S. reports deal only with new work undertaken since June 10, 1925. The former work of the Society, by the Dominion Act, has been temporarily placed in the hands of the Mission Boards of the United Church of Canada, as trustees for administration until the Federal Commission apportions it. What is printed is but a fraction of what has been accomplished and those who were privileged to attend the Provincial meetings, with their capacity audiences, of earnest, enthusiastic young women, younger girls and older ladies—know

that pulsating through our whole Society is a new life and a spirit of consecration and service that will be for the upbuilding of our Church and the extension of God's kingdom.



MISS OLIVE ROSS

Superintendent of our Hospital Unit
at Fort McMurray, Alta.

MISS OLIVE ROSS has arrived at Fort McMurray and been made very welcome. The people have been most kind to her. They have kept the wood split, made ready the kindling and seen that her water barrel is never empty. The well or pump is some distance away. She says she was never so well looked after in all her nursing experience. In a later issue we hope to print a most interesting account of this interesting place, which has just been received.

ALL WHO HAVE SUFFERED ILLNESS, and few there be who have escaped, will feel a real thrill of joy as they read of the work that is being done for the sick people of many nationalities in our Presbyterian Hospital,

South Porcupine. Since February 19th the number of patients totaled 39. Male patients 22, female 17, maternity 2, operations 14, major 7, and minor operations on out patients 2. The different nationalities served were, Canadians 18, French Canadians 3, English 3, Scotch 1, Irish 1, Ukrainians 2, Italian 1, Finlanders 5, Bulgarian 1, Poles 2, Rumanian 1, and Swede 1.

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL SOCIETY has decided to have the *News-Bulletin* printed instead of typed, and to have it distributed to every organization,

every minister, and as many individuals in Minority Groups as possible. They started in April with a mailing list of one hundred.

The copy that came to us was intensely interesting. News we would not get elsewhere we found there. One item of general interest read: "All may not know that the Ruthenian Church, Edmonton, by a vote of eighteen to two, remained Presbyterian. Another gave a picture we all can appreciate. "The *Bulletins* are read at the meetings and enjoyed. We all feel like one family and like to hear from each other." We congratulate Alberta Provincial and Mrs. Acheson, their Press Secretary, who saw the need and supplied it.

WE REPORT WITH DEEP REGRET the resignation from the Council Executive of Mrs. W. J. F. Mallagh, one of our Overseas Mission Secretaries. Mrs. Mallagh became a member of the W.M.S. Board in 1920, and was, for some years, Secretary for South China. Our hope is that when her health permits she will once more take up the work for which she is so eminently well fitted.

ON APRIL 12TH, fire destroyed the premises and stock of Wm. Macnab and Son, Printers, Halifax. *The Presbyterian Message* has, for many years been issued by this firm, and this sudden disaster will necessitate a reduction in the size of the May issue, and certain delay in sending it out. We offer Mrs. Macnab, the Editor of this sister publication, our sincere sympathy.

Deaconess Designated for Service

REPRESENTATIVES of the Hamilton Presbytery, the Presbyterial of the W.M.S., the Assembly's Deaconess Board and hundreds of friends in the congregation filled Macnab Street Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening May 5th. The occasion was the designation of Miss Anna Whitby, of that Church, who leaves soon for Northern Ontario. The service was simple yet impressive, and began with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Robt. Allan, of St. Davids, Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery, Bible reading by Rev. Beverley Ketchem, pastor of the Church. Rev. Robt. Allan asked the questions of the candidate, and the address to Miss Whitby was given by Rev. Fraser Cox of Chalmers Church. Rev. A. L. Budge led in prayer. The actual dedication was very short and impressive, the candidate, in her deaconess uniform of dark blue, solemnly giving her vows to live a circumspect and Christian life devoted to the Master, dedicating herself to Christ and thereupon receiving the blessing of God and the

Church. Rev. Mr. Cox then addressed the candidate. The address to the congregation was given by Rev. Dr. Kannawin. Mrs. Locheed, on behalf of the W.M.S., extended warm congratulations to Miss Whitby and wished her Godspeed. Mrs. Kannawin, representing the Assembly's Deaconess Board, brought an earnest message and Mrs. McQuesten of the W.M.S. spoke a few words of love and courage to Miss Whitby—the first lady member of their Church to be dedicated. She felt it would be a tremendous stimulus to them all and asked that all exercise the power of prayer, which has been called, the “artillery of heaven”.

Statement Presenting the Foreign Mission Requests of the Continuing Presbyterian Church

THIS statement was presented by Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Chairman of the General Board of Missions.

The statement was made before a joint Conference of the two Foreign Mission Executives, of the United Church of Canada, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, on Monday, April 26th, at 2 p.m. in Knox College Board Room, Toronto.

“In presenting our case, I wish to do so in a fair, frank and just way, and all in the spirit of Christian fellowship and goodwill, having ever in our mind and foremost, the best interests of world-wide missions.

In our own mind we think a grave mistake was made in introducing the question of Foreign Missions in the controversy of Organic Church Union. Had it been left out entirely we believe that the best interests of Foreign Missions would have been served. However, now that the question of Organic Union is settled, we must do our best for the cause of Foreign Missions and endeavor to secure our proper share of the Foreign Mission work, fields and assets, as formerly carried on by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to this end we first make the following observations:—

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The Foreign Mission question, if amicably settled by us, will save the Federal Commission much worry and time, our Churches much expense, and the Foreign Mission cause much harm. The Church overseas belongs not to the missionaries, but to the Church at home, therefore, the Foreign Mission assets are the property of the home Church and in the final analysis, the problem of Foreign Missions is the problem of the home Church. Under the Comity of Missions, 16,000,000 souls were to be under the care of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since that Church has been divided, it logically follows that the Foreign Mission Fields and assets

should be divided. The basis on which the division is made, we believe, should be on the basis of the strength of the Church at home, and it is on this basis that we are making our requests to-day, and will also make our requests before the Federal Commission.

OUR STRENGTH

We are to-day one of the strong branches of world-wide Presbyterianism. We are larger in membership than either the Presbyterian Church of England or Ireland, and larger than the Baptist Communion in the Dominion of Canada. We are more than two-fifths our former membership strength; more than two-fifths our former financial strength; more than two-fifths our former W.M.S. strength. Our membership strength to-day is well over the 150,000 mark and our Budget for the year calls for an expenditure of \$600,000. In five years time, from January 1, 1927, we believe our Budget will be \$1,000,000 a year, nearly equal to what it was before the "dis-union". It is then on the strength of our Church here at home that we will make our appeal before the Commission, and as already intimated, now make our requests to you for a fair division of the overseas fields. In the facts and figures to follow—we took them from the Assembly Minutes of 1925 covering the work of 1924. In 1924, the Foreign Mission Fields were handicapped for workers, for equipment and for funds. As a Church we were trying to carry on a work which required \$750,000 with less than \$500,000 contributed.

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES FOR 1924

Its Source—the Churches gifts, the Women's Missionary Society, and reserve fund. Sum total received was \$463,561.78, a shortage on appropriation of \$36,438.22 and of the \$463,561.78 the W.M.S. contributed \$49,475 and there was taken from the reserve fund \$97,956.85, so that from the Church at large there was received only \$316,130.87. The call from the Foreign Field in 1924 and for several years preceding was 'Send us more missionaries and more funds.'

And now a brief word as to our requests, which are as follows:—

<i>British Guiana</i> .—Whole field, estimated yearly expenditure	\$19,000
<i>India</i> .—The Bhil Field, now occupied by Dr. Buchanan,	
and the adjoining Nimar Valley, with Mhow, which,	
with the Gwalior Mission would call for a yearly	
expenditure of	35,000
<i>South China</i> .—Whole field, estimated expenditure.....	17,000
<i>Formosa</i> .—Whole field, estimated expenditure.....	40,000
<i>Korea</i> .—Whole field, estimated expenditure.....	89,000

You will notice that having in view the relative strength of the Churches

at home, we have made no request at all for a division of the *Honan* Field, the largest one in our Church, or for any of the work in Shanghai, and no request for a division of the work in *Trinidad*, and our request for a division of the work in *India* comprises but a small portion of the large work there.

We are making our requests for the following reasons:—

(1) In the supreme interests of the work itself. The work rather than Denominationalism is the main thing. In the leader in *The New Outlook* of February 10, 1926, we read: 'The Board is quite willing, and indeed anxious to transfer any section of the work for which the non-concurring Church can provide staff.' In the light of the information and facts given above, that is in my remarks under General Observations, I think we have shown sufficient strength with which to provide the necessary staff for the fields requested. We are stronger for Foreign Mission work now than ever before, because owing to conditions over which we had no control much Home Mission work has passed out of our hands, and so we have greater strength for Foreign Mission work. Before 'dis-union' many congregations in Ontario were responsible for the full salaries of certain missionaries. The majority of these congregations voted to remain Presbyterian and are willing to repeat their support of special missionaries. This, in brief, is our ability to meet the demands of the requests made.

(2) Our requests should be granted because of the need of the Foreign Field for more workers, more equipment and more funds. We have a willingness and ability to render such help. Many fields even now held in the name of occupation need fully double the number of missionaries, and many times more the number of native agents. Even some fields there are now with considerable equipment, but have no workers, or scarcely any—namely Barwani, Sardi, Sitaman, St. Andrew's Hospital, Jobat, and other fields greatly undermanned. We believe that the territory already assigned to us, as a Church, under the Comity of Missions should be worked, rather than open up new fields. Surely this is reasonable.

(3) We make our requests because we think it is in the best interests of Foreign Missions, that where fields are already well established in Presbyterianism, it is not well to introduce a new denomination which we consider the United Church of Canada to be. To introduce a new denomination in such fields for instance as Formosa and Korea that are Presbyterian in polity and doctrine, and have been so from the beginning, we believe, to be a great mistake. The Missionary Council at present in Korea, is composed of four Presbyterian Missions, of which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is one—why introduce another?

As intimated, the history of the Korean Fields is largely that of Presbyterianism, as is also that of Formosa, so that on our part to make requests for those fields is reasonable and just.

(4) Our requests are made in the light of our Foreign Mission Policy, which in part is as follows:—

OUR POLICY

1. To make our work intensive rather than extensive.
2. To ultimately work our fields separately, under our own control, as we believe that *dual administration is not satisfactory* in the best interests of the work. As recently as the last meeting of the Mission Council of Central India, Miss Caswell, late of the Gwalior Mission, says as her firm conviction, that in her opinion dual administration is utterly impossible, and I think she is right.
3. To work in a spirit of unity and in harmony with all other branches of the Christian Church carrying on work in the Foreign Fields of the world.
4. Our requests made because of our aim. *Our Aim*—to carry the Gospel Message to all people, and to every nation and tribe, not to compel them to enter one narrow fold, but to draw them into one flock, under the care of the one Shepherd—not to make denominationalists but to make men Christians is ever our inspired and inspiring ideal. For the above, and other reasons not enumerated, we are making our requests.

And now in the way of summary of the same:—

SUMMARY

Our requests would require a Budget of \$200,000, exclusive of W.M.S. work and of Chinese work in Canada. The fields we ask for are less than one-third our constituency under the Comity of Missions. In the fields requested are less than one-fifth of our Schools, Seminaries and College, and less than one-quarter of our Hospitals. The fields requested would require a staff of 73 workers and 34 wives. To get these workers there are several sources. 1. Our own missionaries as already at work on the field. 2. Others on the field who work under us, if the fields were granted to us, and have so declared themselves. We could mention names, but refrain from so doing. 3. Other workers serving outside our own Church altogether, who have expressed a desire to help us in our Foreign Mission work. 4. Volunteers from our own land who have already declared themselves, and more are ready to do so as soon as fields are definitely appointed to our Church.

In closing, our sincere prayer is that our Executive may arrive at an amicable settlement of the Foreign Mission question, as to a fair division of the fields, and our hope is that such division may be along the lines suggested, and finally, that no matter what the ultimate division of such fields may be, that the spirit of Christian unity and Christian fellowship may always obtain between us and all other branches of the Christian Church engaged in the Foreign Mission enterprise."

Our National Mission Work

SCHOOL HOMES

THE first work to be undertaken by our W.M.S. on June 11, 1925, was the opening of a new School Home.

For a long time it had been felt that a Home was needed in Northern Ontario, but the way had always been closed. The Provisional Ontario Provincial passed on to the Provisional Council Executive a request that now a School Home should be opened at New Liskeard. Presbytery had also forwarded a request for the same. A suitable house offered, and an option was taken on it till the annual meeting should authorize its purchase. This was done and the house was purchased at a cost of \$7,700, and came into our possession on August 1st. Miss Marjorie McIlwaine, who had been matron of our Home in Prince George, was appointed matron of this, our "Presbyterian School Home," New Liskeard.

The home opened with an attendance of eleven and at the present time there are ten in residence, nine girls and one boy. From the enquiries coming in we feel that the number will be materially increased next year. Our pupils have taken a high stand at their examinations and reflected great credit on the home.

The children attend church services, Sabbath School and the senior Mission Band. The boy in the Home sold personal greeting Christmas cards and made \$10.00 for the Band. Out of that amount he was made a Junior Member and the President of the Band was given another membership. Time is spent in the study of the Shorter Catechism and, at family worship, the Psalms and the four Gospels have been studied.

The Home is supplied with a library of two hundred and fifty books and receives three monthly and two weekly magazines. It is self-supporting as far as maintenance, and has been able to meet all repairs, salaries and taxes only being met from the general fund. Miss McIlwaine says, "We hope the children are being trained to be leaders in all good works wherever they may be placed in the journey of life."

HOSPITALS

The Presbyterian Hospital, South Porcupine, Ont.—Miss Annie E. Chambers, lady superintendent, Miss Mary D. Cuddy, Miss Mary Tennant, nurses.

Negotiations towards the establishing of a W.M.S. hospital in South Porcupine were begun at the instance of the Municipality of Tisdale, and its moral support coupled with that of its material support, has been most generous. In September, 1925, the request came to the Council Executive and was received favorably. About the middle of October a

suitable house was chosen. Necessary alterations followed, and on February 17, 1926, it was formally dedicated and opened for the purpose of ministering to those who require medical aid. Since the opening the staff has been more than busy, surgical and maternity cases being most numerous.

Fort McMurray, Alta.—In March, 1925, information reached the Provisional Committee of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, that Fort McMurray, a point three hundred miles north of Edmonton, at the junction of the Athabasca and Clear Water Rivers, whose population consists of Treaty Indians, half breeds and some white residents, was desirous of having a hospital unit. Owing to circumstances, this could only be considered sympathetically. In June, the matter was laid before the Council and, in July, a duly qualified nurse was appointed to the position of nurse at large. She signified her acceptance, but during the period prior to her departure for her new scene of labor, she developed a heart condition, which proved obstinate. The hospital committee decided that as the season was late, they would get on the ground early in 1926. Carrying out this decision, Miss Olive Ross, a duly qualified nurse, was appointed and reported for duty at Fort McMurray the first day of April. A small house has been secured in the meantime, and supplies to fit it out are already on the way.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The department of Social Service functions under two divisions:—The Deaconess work and the Welcome and Welfare. From both we have received most interesting reports.

Miss Murray, Toronto, tells of her visits to the hospitals of the city, the Home for Incurables and the Mercer Reformatory. In these institutions Miss Murray, representing the Women's Missionary Society, comes in contact with the lonely sick, and the straying ones, not of the city alone, but those from all parts of our province and even from beyond its bounds. A number of Auxiliaries have heard from her the story of her work.

Miss Allan, Hamilton.—Miss Allan's work lies in St. David's Church and in the Group that came out of Laidlaw Memorial Church when it went into union. This Group has no building except a rented hall for Sunday services. All other meetings are held in the homes of the members, organization is therefore incomplete, but there is a good work being done.

In St. David's congregation, the women and girls are thoroughly organized and are showing by their good attendance a real interest in the welfare of the Church. Their women's prayer meeting is notable because of its spiritual influence in all parts of congregational work, and even beyond its bounds.

Miss McDonald, Scott Institute, Toronto.—Our veteran worker, reports a large number of visits in Jewish homes, of tracts and gospels distributed, of the class for Jewish mothers continuing its influence among the women, of sustained interest in Sabbath School and Bible class work, and of rejoicing in the mission because of the public confession and baptism of one of the young women.

In January Miss Ethel Gunn was appointed to Jewish work. She visits in the homes of the people, a work for which she is by experience well qualified. Miss Gunn has also spoken in a number of our Auxiliaries and has created a deeper interest in this part of missionary endeavor.

Mrs. MacKenzie, All Peoples' Mission, Gonor, Man.—This Mission celebrated its fifth anniversary on April 1, 1926. Begun in faith it has grown steadily and has been richly blessed to many lives. Sabbath School work was its first endeavor and there were three schools held. Two of these were combined during the summer months and met in a large tent. In 1925, a small frame building was secured and the three Sabbath Schools were able to meet as one. Soon this building also became inadequate and our W.M.S. recently purchased a lot, had the building moved to it and enlarged to meet the growing needs of the Mission. The opening services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McIntosh of Knox Presbyterian Church, Selkirk, late in December. They were memorable because on that Sabbath morning, the celebration of the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper took place. On that occasion seventeen Sabbath School Scholars were received on profession of their faith. The regular services are the Junior School, Sabbath at eleven, Senior School in the afternoon and an evangelistic service at seven. There is also a flourishing Mission Band which contributed \$17.00 to the W.M.S. Three of the Mission girls have passed their entrance examination. They want to enter on service for their Master when they are equipped.

Three deaconesses at large, have been appointed. Two for the summer months in Northern Ontario and one for Montreal. In Northern Ontario Miss Whitby will work in North Bay and adjacent points. Mrs. Mitchener at Cochrane and other near-by places. Miss Huggill will assist in some Montreal Districts where our Church requires such help, and during the busy immigration months will assist Miss MacArthur in the port and cross-city work.

"Hands of Welcome" stretched across the seas, waiting at the ports, establishing contacts all across our Dominion and finally by acts of friendly kindness making of the stranger a friend and a fellow member in our Church and our community—that is the meaning of Welcome and Welfare.

Since the 10th of June last, 6,174 names have come to this department.

Over 2,400 of these were received before the end of 1925, and were sent out to all parts of the Dominion.

Miss Scott, at Quebec, and Miss MacArthur of Montreal, have been unsparing in their services and kindness to the newcomers. In addition to her port work, and sending on to Toronto the lists of the Presbyterian passengers, Miss MacArthur does cross-city work in Montreal, verifying addresses of those who remain in that city and introducing them to the nearest Presbyterian Church and pastor. Miss MacArthur's station cupboard is kept well stocked with games and pictures, babies' and childrens' clothing, as well as various other comforts to supplement the sometimes scanty outfit of a weary traveller.

When passing through New York early in the year, we were able to arrange with the Bureau of Reference for Migrating People under the Home Mission Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions, for the forwarding of names of people coming into Canada via New York, and already a number of names have been sent us. We have also followed our families who move from one part of Toronto to another through information given by the Board of Education regarding the transfer of school children. Names sent us of our own Canadian Presbyterians moving from one town to another have been cared for also and a cordial welcome given them in their new location. This part of Welcome and Welfare is only well begun.

Too much could not be said of the splendid work done by our faithful Secretaries for Welcome and Welfare in the Auxiliaries in each province. Their efforts have been untiring and the results secured correspondingly good in gathering together the scattered and sometimes shattered forces of this department.

SUPPLIES

The motto of our Society, "The World for Christ" requires us to minister to both the physical and spiritual needs of humanity. The Supply Department is concerned chiefly with meeting the physical needs of those whom we have undertaken to help, but it seeks to do much more than this. The supplies often carry with them a message of hope and courage and prepare the way for a deeper interest in spiritual things, this idea should be kept in mind by all who have any part in this work.

The preparation of the supplies by the Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups constitutes a gracious service, and of no less importance is the packing and shipping of the bales to their destination and their final distribution. The pressing needs that have been met, the burdens that have been lifted, the fainting hearts that have been cheered, and the sunshine that has come into

many lives by the arrival of the bale is shown by the letters of gratitude that have come from the recipients.

LIBRARY WORK

Alberta.—A library of sixty-two books, Sabbath School supplies and *Presbyterian Records* were sent to Blairgowrie Sabbath School at Sibbald. Four parcels of *The Glad Tidings* and *Presbyterian Records* were sent to different Groups, and a Sabbath School offering of \$5.00 provided a school in a poor district with hymn books. Mrs. Acheson, Provincial Press Secretary, sends *News-Bulletins* to each Minority Group telling them just what is being done in the way of re-building broken walls.

British Columbia.—Mrs. A. H. Gordon has written to the Library Secretaries suggesting possible methods of co-operation with Welcome and Welfare Secretaries of Auxiliaries and hospital visitors, also ministers and missionaries, as to the distribution of magazines.

Manitoba.—Miss Connell wrote the secretary of the lumber camps and he supplied addresses and remarked it was "A needy bit of missionary work." This Secretary also sent books to Bowsman lumber camps and gathered Sabbath School supplies and other good reading matter and sent them to some families in an adjacent poor district.

Ontario.—We are already supplying camps, Sabbath Schools, missionaries, Minority Groups and individuals throughout the Dominion with good literature. Four pulpit Bibles, one hundred and twenty-five new hymn books, two thousand, two hundred library books, seven hundred pounds of magazines, also picture rolls and Sabbath School papers have been distributed.

Quebec.—That most interesting paper, "The Shining Light" was sent to the Auxiliaries. The Auxiliary Library Secretary of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, divided one hundred and twenty books, donated by Dr. Love, among the seven Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial.

Saskatchewan.—Church work here is moving slowly, what looked like unsurmountable difficulties a few months ago have, to a certain extent, been overcome, and the work is going forward.

Oriental in Canada

CHINESE IN CANADA

In the early months of 1925 the work for the Chinese women and children continued in the three centres, Montreal, Toronto and Victoria. On account of union, certain adjustments had to be made and, in the interim, Miss Dickson did most valuable deputation work in both the East and West in the interest of the Chinese. On December 1st she was ap-

pointed Superintendent of the Chinese Primary Department in Cooke's Church, Toronto. Miss Hugill was given the work of visiting Chinese women and children in Western Ontario centres, making her visit to each centre coincide, where possible, with the meetings of the Auxiliary, that she might interest the members in their local Chinese situation. Under this arrangement, during the fall and early winter months, several Auxiliaries were addressed, many W.M.S. members and some of the ministers interviewed, and about forty Chinese families visited. In many places the Auxiliaries were interested, and accepted responsibility toward their Chinese neighbors, and many individual members undertook to do personal visiting.

In Eastern Ontario, a similar work was undertaken by Miss Davies of Brockville, who is giving her spare time to this visiting. She reports having visited twenty-six Chinese families, a number of ministers and W.M.S. leaders, also Sunday School superintendents. Through this new work not a little added kindness has been shown the stranger within our gates, and the stranger, we believe, has appreciated it.

A conference between members of the W.M.S. of the United Church, and of our Council Executive, resulted in Miss Dickson's return to Murray Street, Toronto, as our missionary in an interdenominational work.

In the Victoria Mission, Mrs. MacQueen reports a morning kindergarten with an enrolment of thirty-three pupils, an afternoon English class of fourteen pupils, Chinese classes from four o'clock to seven, with sixty-three on the roll, and a splendid group of young men and boys, fourteen in all, in a night class. In addition there is a large music class, with a club which meets monthly. All pupils in music are expected to connect themselves with some organization of the Church. The Sunday School with an enrolment of eighty-five has an average attendance of fifty-one, and at a gathering of all the Presbyterian Sunday Schools on New Year's morning, occupied centre seats in the Church and were given a special welcome by the Chairman. The W.M.S. Auxiliary has an average attendance of nine, and its report was received with other Auxiliary reports at the Victoria Presbyterial meeting. The Mission Band has a membership of forty, with an average attendance of twenty-five.

PERSIANS IN CANADA

The prospect of opening work in the Persian colonies, in and near Fort William, Ont., and North Battleford, Sask., was discussed by the Council Executive in September, 1925.

It was agreed that we write the Presbyteries concerned for information, and at the same time let them know that we have available a Persian missionary, a graduate of Knox College, who could be sent for a number of months to each colony, if the Presbytery so desired.

The Superior Presbytery after making a survey decided against sending in a worker at present.

The Presbytery of Prince Albert and Saskatoon referred the matter to the session of the North Battleford Church, the Home Mission Con- venger stating that if the minister and elders thought it advisable, it might be well to have our missionary Rev. E. O. Eshoo, go out and get in touch with the colony, with a view to bringing them into touch with the Church. Later, Rev. Peter Fisher of North Battleford, in whose field the Persian colony lies, wrote that if the W.M.S. could finance the undertaking it might prove to be "richly worth while." Accordingly arrangements were made to have Mr. Eshoo leave in January on a mission to his people in North Battleford.

Our Overseas Mission Work

SOUTH CHINA

Over the 1925 report might be written the word *tragedy*, for during the year this field was stricken as by a violent hurricane. In China, civil war and the bitter anti-Christian, anti-foreign, communistic move- ment, particularly directed against the British, made everything ex- ceedingly difficult, and our missionaries suffered much persecution and were driven from the work which had been built up by long years of labor and loving devotion. When the storm had somewhat spent itself and the atmosphere had cleared, it was found that our mission stations had been abandoned, the "Marion Barclay" Hospital and the Girls' Boarding School in Kongmoon closed, and the educational and evan- gelistic work at Shek-kei and San Wooi disorganized.

Of the W.M.S. staff, five remained loyal to our Presbyterian Church: Misses Dickson, Dulmage, Reid, Crockett and Dr. Jessie MacBean. Three of these were at home on furlough, and Dr. MacBean and Miss Dulmage took refuge in Hong Kong with friends of other missions who showed toward them very great kindness. The Anglican Mission offered Miss Dulmage a position on the teaching staff of the Diocesan Girls' School at Kongloon, Hong Kong, which, after correspondence with the home Board, she accepted. Of this new position, Miss Dulmage writes, "There are good opportunities for witnessing for Christ in this school. Each morning I have a class of forty girls for scripture; about half are Chinese, some Eurasian, some Portuguese and a few English, but almost none of them are Christian. God grant that I make the most of this splendid oppor- tunity, and that through His grace and power many of these dear girls may be led to make a decision for Christ." About the same time Dr. Jessie MacBean joined the staff of the Hackett Medical College in

Canton and writes that she is very happy in her work there, and considers it a privilege to take a share in such an important field of labor. Although the teaching schedule is heavy yet it is most interesting, her work being with the students of the third and fourth years, bright girls all of them. In the former case it is clearly understood that this is a temporary arrangement until such time as work can be resumed in our own mission stations, or in new fields opened by our Church.

Miss Dickson is in Canada on prolonged furlough on account of family conditions, and is engaged in work among Chinese women in Toronto. Misses Reid and Crockett have done valuable deputation work, the latter in Nova Scotia where her home is.

INDIA

In retrospect the thought that comes uppermost is, how very fortunate we are that the two Presbyterian strongholds in India, Gwalior and the Bhil district, where our missionaries have shown such unswerving loyalty and devotion, should be places of strategic importance both historically and geographically. No matter what the future may hold in store for us of new fields and fresh endeavor, there can be none where we would find greater opportunities for expansion and development than these two lying so vitally close to the heart of India.

It was a great help to have Dr. Wilkie with us at our Annual Meeting in June, and up to the time of his departure, in December, he kept in close touch with our Women's Missionary Society. It was disappointing that of the two young ladies, on whom he had set the seal of his approval after personal interview, only one, Miss Irene Stringer, was available and has been appointed by the Council Executive to fill the position of teacher in the Girls' School at Jhansi. As it was impossible to send her out alone in January, Dr. Wilkie writes, "I am glad to know that Miss Stringer is taking a course at the Deaconess Training Home. It will be good for her and the few months delay will not be a loss in the end." Miss Stringer's course includes, Bible history and theology, handicraft work and home nursing, besides valuable practical experience, so we feel confident of the great assistance she will be to Mrs. Hawtin, when she and another candidate go out to take the places of Miss Caswell and Miss Baxter who have entered the United Church and removed to the Central India Mission.

From Amkhut, Miss Robson reports that she is carrying on as usual, with the most satisfactory results. Two of Miss Robson's own seniors in Class VI got the highest percentage of marks obtained in the final examinations, and all the others were in good standing. These lads are the leaders for the future and are fine, upright, promising boys. The school attendance kept up well even during the cold and rainy season

when it averaged over one hundred. Christmas was the usual great occasion requiring two days of celebration. There was much sickness during the cold season and Miss Robson deploras the lack of any accommodation on the compound where patients could be properly nursed. Last winter deaths might have been prevented had the proper facilities been at hand. Surely this is a situation that we can help to remedy. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Miss Robson and all the workers that we can only repay by removing any burdens of financial difficulty, under-staffing or inadequate equipment, that they may have fresh stimulus to go on with the Master's work in the healing of bodies as well as of souls.

JAPAN

At our Annual Meeting, held in Knox Church, Toronto, on June 11th and 12th, Dr. Caroline Macdonald gave a most interesting address on the new work she had begun in Tokyo among factory girls, and her strong plea that our W.M.S. should take some share in this, resulted in our giving a yearly grant of two thousand dollars.

In writing at the close of the year of what had been accomplished, Dr. Macdonald said, "We are now at the beginning of the development of an entirely new field of mission work in Japan, and I returned from furlough to find The Working Girls' Night School preparing for its first anniversary. The occasion proved to be a really historic one, for twelve young women received diplomas for their year's work. As the school had received recognition from the educational department of the city, these diplomas glistened with seals of various sorts stamped with scarlet sealing wax. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Settlement, Dr. Uzawa, presented them; a representative from the City Council made a speech, and the former principal of Tsuda Women's College also spoke. In the audience were one hundred and sixty girls from various factories in the neighborhood, and many who were interested in this new work which, besides giving the opportunity of education where there is such dire need, carries with it, hand in hand, the teaching of Christ and His message as no amount of sermons, without this practical service, could do."

It is a great privilege to have a share in this opportunity to touch some of the vital problems of Japan through this contact with its factory women of which there are many thousands.

"Plant in us an humble mind,
Patient, pitiful, and kind;
Meek and lowly let us be,
Full of goodness, full of Thee."

OUR LETTER BOX

North Battleford, Sask.

"Last week I preached for the Rev. P. Fisher at 11.00 a.m., in English. At 3.00 p.m. I preached for our own people in the Persian language. There were almost forty present. A band of our little boys and girls sang one hymn in English and we sang three in our own language during the service. Almost every week-night I have a cottage meeting. I have usually from ten to fifteen persons present. These people are hungry and thirsty for the Word of God. They are so thankful to God that they can hear His Word in their mother tongue, and they have asked me to hold a Communion Service on Easter Sabbath, and to baptize two children.

I spent three days visiting some of our people who live on the farms and they have since come to hear me. There are some three families sixteen to twenty miles distant whom I am planning to visit.

I have also visited two sick persons several times and have sought to show them our dear Lord as a Great Physician. Also, every Wednesday afternoon we meet in one of the homes to practise singing for the Sunday service. I can assure you that God has blessed His work here through my humble efforts, only we need your earnest prayers."

—Rev. E. O. Eshoo.



Rev. P. Fisher in writing of the work Mr. Eshoo is doing says: "I consider the mission well worth while. Last Sunday Mr. Eshoo dispensed the Sacrament of the Supper. Members of my session with myself attended and assisted in the service. It was very pathetic to witness the joy of those simple folk in having such a service in their own tongue led by one of their own race."

New York.

It has been a great joy and help to me to have had these weeks here, and I have so enjoyed the contact with the young people, especially those preparing for their life work. The atmosphere is so wholesome and good. Dr. White is a splendid type of Christian leader. Then too, I have liked their attitude towards England and British Institutions. There seems such a genuine appreciation of all that is best in things British and a willingness to give all due honor to England.

I only wish that I had had the training here before I went to China.

Their methods are excellent—not lecturing but rather making the students *study*. They make *students*.

One thing that has pleased me very much has been the kindness of my former Chinese pupils now in New York. There are several young men here whom I taught as boys in our Boarding School in Kong Moon. They were so pleased to see me and so eager to show kindness to me. There was absolutely no anti-foreign attitude, but quite the reverse."

—Miss Ethel Reid.

Hopewell, N.S.

"I have visited the Chinese in the towns of Westville, Stellarton and New Glasgow, and brought literature to them in their own language. There are four women and a number of children besides the men. One little bride of three months, from Victoria, who spoke but a sentence or two of English was delighted to hear her mother tongue even imperfectly as it was spoken."

—Miss Luella Crockett.

Bible Reading

MISSIONARY FARMING

THE LAND

THE field is the world. Matt. 13:38. There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. Josh. 13:1.

PLACE OF SOWING

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. Eccl. 11:1. Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters. Isa. 32:20; also Jer. 4:3.

TIME OF SOWING

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Eccl. 11:6.

THE SEED

The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11.

THE GROWTH

So is the Kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground.... and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.... Mark 4:26-28; also Matt. 13:4; Matt. 23:5, 6; Matt. 13:7, 8.

TIME OF HARVEST

Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35; also Gal. 6:9.

NEED OF LABORERS

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matt. 9:37, 38.

THE HARVEST HOME

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Ps. 126:6; also John 4:36; Isa. 55:12, 13.

—*Missionary Exercises.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Hymn*—"Revive Thy Work O Lord." *Prayer.*—(See *The Glad Tidings* p. 190). *Bible Reading.*—"Missionary Farming" (*The Glad Tidings* p. 180). *Minutes. Business. Roll Call,* to be responded to by a short quotation on prayer. *Musical Study Period.* Questions and answers on Chapter V. *Offering. Hymn.*—"What a Friend we Have in Jesus." *Closing Prayer.*

1. What is your aim in studying this Chapter? p. 142.
2. What is the prevailing attitude of mind under an animistic religion? p. 145, 146.
3. What service is rendered by the Christian Gospel? p. 146.
4. What is the great testimony of Ramabai's life? p. 151. Of Sadhu Sunder Sing? p. 154.
5. Would a similar faith bring similar experience to us? p. 159.
6. What is the greatest lesson you get from Ting Li Mei? p. 175-179.
7. In view of all the facts studied, what is the duty of Western Christians?

AN APPEAL TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF MISSIONS

"Prayer is the putting forth of vital energy. It is the highest effort of which the human spirit is capable. Proficiency and power in prayer cannot be attained without patient continuance and much practise. The primary need is not the multiplication of prayer meetings or the more extensive circulation of prayer calendars, but that individual Christians should learn to pray. If this work is to be taken seriously, the hour of prayer must be definitely set apart and jealously guarded in spite of weariness and many distractions. When the Church sets itself to pray with the same seriousness and strength of purpose that it has devoted to other forms of Christian effort, it will see the Kingdom of God come with power."

C. G. I. T.

WHAT ABOUT CAMP?

PROVINCIAL CAMP DATES

British Columbia.—Dates not yet decided upon.....

<i>Alberta.</i> —Cam Sylvan. Senior Girls 15-18.....	July 14-24
Camp Sylvan. Leadership	Aug. 2-12
Camp Fallis. Intermediate Girls 12-14.....	July 1-10
Camp Fallis. Intermediate Girls 12-14.....	July 13-23
Camp Fallis. Senior Girls 15-18.....	July 24-Aug. 2
<i>Saskatchewan.</i> —Lumsden Beach. Girls (Senior).....	July 1-10
Wakaw Lake. Girls (Senior).....	July 13-21
Carlyle Lake. Girls (Senior)	July 12-19
Margo Lake. Girls (Senior).....	July 30-Aug. 5
Swift Current. Girls (Senior).....	July 19-26
Wood River, Woodrow. Girls (Senior).....	July 27-Aug. 3
Fort Qu'Appelle. Girls (Intermediate).....	July 20-27
Lumsden Beach. Leaders.....	July 1-10
<i>Manitoba.</i> —Leadership Camp. Boundary Park.....	July 2-12
Intermediate Camp for Winnipeg Girls.	
Boundary Park	July 13-21
Senior Camp for Winnipeg girls. Boundary Park..	July 22-30
<i>Ontario.</i> —White House	Aug. 16-26
Beausoleil	Aug. 16-26
Beausoleil. Leaders	Aug. 4-14
Normandale. 1	July 19-29
Normandale. 2	July 30-Aug. 9
Normandale. 3	Aug. 10-20
Vail's Point	Aug. 6-16
Terrace Beach	July 20-30
Beau Rivage	July 20-30
Beau Rivage Leaders	July 12-26
<i>Quebec.</i> —Leadership	June 28-July 5
Intermediates	July 12-19
Seniors	July 20-30
Old Campers	Aug. 10-20

NOTE: The above dates are for the information of the C.G.I.T. of our W.M.S. (Western Division) and are subject to change and additions, as Camp plans are not yet fully completed.

Life is too short to waste
 In critic peep or cynic bark
 Quarrel or reprimand:
 'Twill soon be dark;
 Up, mind thine own aim, and
 God speed the mark.

—Emerson.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for June

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn—"God, who made the earth." *Bible Lesson*—Psalm 121. *Prayer. Business. Roll Call. Offering. Lesson for the day—Vacation Hints. Closing Hymn*—"Birds are singing, woods are ringing."

VACATION HINTS

Press and arrange a collection of wild flowers which may be sent overseas in the Christmas boxes from Canada.

Shells picked up on the beach may also interest and please the little children in the hospitals.

Buttons are highly prized by the Indian children. Which Mission Band girl or boy can collect the most buttons in a bag or sewed on fancy picture cards?

Sunday School papers are not plentiful in all parts of Canada, save them, cover with a bright wrapper and send them on to some other boy or girl to enjoy. Especially in hospitals, such light booklets are found useful.

Post cards and pictures are also well worth collecting. When stuck together or on paste board, they may be made into picture puzzles. Also scrap-books require innumerable pictures.

Pretty bits of silk or cotton form the patches for the quilts needed in school homes and hospitals. Why not start a vacation scrap-bag?

If some of these suggestions are tried out, others will follow of their own accord.

Last but not least, don't forget that the mite box never takes a vacation.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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THE end of 1925 found Alberta W.M.S. organized and officered, according to the reports given at the Calgary Provincial, when 46 representatives—5 of whom were from Red Deer, and 10 from Edmonton Presbyterian were present.

The year's reports showed that the Provincial at the end of 1925 consisted of 24 Auxiliaries with a membership of 616; two associate Young Women's Societies and one Young Women's Missionary Society,

64 members in all, who contributed \$45; 13 Mission Bands with a membership of 306, who contributed \$72.74, and 15 C.G.I.T. Groups with a membership of 191.

Eleven Life Members had been received, three Honorary Life Members, one Junior Member with a second-year ribbon. Home Helpers to the number of 135 had sent in \$102.95 and supplies to the value of \$433.40 were sent to the needy. In the six months, the Thank-offering amounted to \$871. Total contributions since re-organization, till December 31, 1925, amounted to \$2,483.89, of which the Calgary Presbyterial had contributed \$1,168.96; Edmonton Presbyterial, \$901.61, and Red Deer Presbyterial, \$398.54.

The sum of \$2,365 had been sent to the Council Executive in Toronto. The allocation for 1926 was divided as follows: Calgary Presbyterial, \$1,800; Edmonton, \$1,300, and Red Deer, \$400. The offering taken at Thursday's meeting amounted to \$25.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Annual Meeting

THE Twelfth Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Provincial Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada opened Wednesday morning, April 21st, in the Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, with the President, Mrs. Pillar, in the chair, 175 women registering. The Executive report was given, and the Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$2,609.00 for 1925. The department reports all showed the work to be increasing, also the membership.

In the four Presbyterials in B.C. there are 30 Auxiliaries, with over 500 members, 4 Young Women's Auxiliaries, with a membership of 64, and 16 Mission Bands whose members number 400. At Prince Rupert, where there never has been an Auxiliary, a C.G.I.T. Group has been organized. In all there are 21 such Groups with membership of 250.

The Home Helpers department reports 120 members. The Life Membership Secretary has granted 13 Life Membership certificates and 5 Junior Memberships.

The Supply work was well overtaken, all allocations sent down being fully met, special mention being made of the work done by the "Standfast" Boys' Club, Mission Band girls of Creston, and Mission Band of Cranbrook. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary received 350 names of new arrivals in the province, and distributed them to Presbyterial Secretaries, personal letters were sent to all, explaining conditions in the Church, and inviting them to attend the Presbyterian Church. Many replies were received thanking them, and, in some in-

stances, surprise was expressed at there being a Presbyterian Church left.

The work in all departments has been started, and indications point to a great advance being made during the coming year.

Victoria Presbyterial reports greater interest and more spirituality being manifested, as well as courage and enthusiasm. One new Auxiliary was organized, and special mention is accorded the Chinese Auxiliary, having 100 per cent. attendance.

Westminster Presbyterial reports great optimism, all departments increasing. Two Auxiliaries report 100 per cent. attendance, several volunteers are teaching weekly in the Chinese Mission.

Kamloops section has just been re-organized, the newly appointed officers are: President, Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, Kamloops; Cor. Sec., Mrs. D. B. Johnstone, Kamloops; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clements, Kamloops; Treas., Mrs. J. T. Armstrong, Penticton.

Kootenay Presbyterial reports new officers: President, Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, Cranbrook; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. E. Worden, Cranbrook; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Dow, Creston; Treas., Mrs. Arthur Hales, Grand Forks. New Auxiliaries have been organized at Slocan City and Salmon Arm.

The visit of Miss Laura K. Pelton to B.C. was much appreciated.

Resolutions opposing closing of Sunday Schools in summer, against gambling devices, pledging assistance to prohibition associations, and in favor of an institution for feeble minded people were passed.

At the high tea greetings were brought from the Presbytery by Rev. Dr. McBeth; from the Synod by Rev. R. J. Douglas, the synodical missionary of B.C., and from the Baptist and Anglican Churches; and the Presidents of the Presbyterials gave seven minute addresses, Mrs. Pillar presiding. An invitation to hold the next Annual Meeting in Victoria was accepted.

Delegates appointed to the Council meeting in Saskatoon on May 19th, 20th and 21st are: Mrs. W. J. White, Mrs. J. K. McLennan, Mrs. H. H. Urquhart, Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor, Mrs. E. D. Murchie and Mrs. J. S. Patterson, Victoria.

Fine addresses were given in the evening by Rev. Duncan Campbell of Chilliwack and Rev. T. Robertson Orr. The President, in her address, stressed the need of faithfulness, concentration, and consecration, for successful missionary work, and left the thought with us that the work of the world is not done by extraordinary people, but by ordinary people, in an extraordinary way.

Changes in Secretaries are: Library, Mrs. Harry White; Home Helper Convener, Mrs. W. J. McKenzie; W. and W., Mrs. W. H. McInnes; Press, Mrs. Robb Sutherland; Life Membership Convener, Mrs. G. S. Smith. Members of Advisory Board: Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor;

Mrs. Thomas Wilson; Mrs. J. D. Currie; Mrs. D. A. Smith. See January *Glad Tidings* for other officers and addresses.

Vancouver P.S.—Our love and sympathy is extended to Mrs. Pillar, the Provincial President, who has again suffered bereavement, in the loss of a sister.

ONTARIO

MRS. A. M. EKINS, BOX 304, HESPELER, PRESS SECRETARY

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

Over 350 officers and delegates from every part of the province gathered together at St. Paul's Church, Toronto, to hear reports of work done during the last six months of 1925. The President, Mrs. J. A. Milne, Toronto, presided at all the sessions. The meetings began on Tuesday, April 27th at 2.00 p.m. After devotional exercises, Mrs. J. A. Hiltz, Toronto, gave the delegation very kindly words of welcome.

Space will not allow even to touch on the reports of all the different departments, but the Corresponding Secretary reported on December 31, 1925, a total of 931 organizations with a membership of 27,623, an increase of 237 in number of organizations in six months.

The Treasurer reported \$81,819.41 from June 10th to December 31st. The following speakers brought cheering messages, Rev. W F. McConnell, Toronto; Mrs. D. Strachan of the Council Executive, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton, Miss Muriel Gray, Toronto, Rev. Joseph Wasson, Toronto, Rev. D. E. McDonald, India, Miss Ethel Reid, South China, and closing words by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S. Another helpful feature of the meeting was the discussion on the Constitution led by Miss MacMurchy and question drawer, conducted by Mrs. H. R. Horne.

The decision to accept the allocation of \$125,000 as their objective, the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the decision to hold the next meeting in Brockville, were the keynotes of the final sessions of the Annual Provincial Meeting. For full list of officers and addresses see January *Glad Tidings*.

Change in officers: Press Sec. is Mrs. H. H. Allen, Toronto; Exchange Sec., Miss Christina G. Kerr.

Hamilton P.S.—A highly optimistic spirit pervaded the enthusiastic gathering of delegates and friends in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, with the President, Mrs. J. A. Locheed, directing the programme. The various Secretaries reported 52 Auxiliaries, 9 Y. W. Auxiliaries, 19 Mission Bands, and several C.G.I.T. Groups, in all 2,000 members, contributing \$13,000, which was dedicated in prayer by our beloved Mrs. McQuesten.

The President's address was a review of faithful efforts sustained

through critical days, and a further call to more consecrated endeavor.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, the Council President, most eloquently summed up the world-wide opportunities for service. Another inspiring address was given by Miss Ethel Reid, South China. Only the knowledge of Christ can counteract the Bolshevik influence which is stifling the business life and spiritual power of China.

The following are the changes in officers: Y. W. Sec., Mrs. J. M. Dickson, St. David's; M. B. Sec., Mrs. L. Torrey, Chippawa; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. H. C. McKellar. For full list see September *Glad Tidings*.

Peterborough P.S.—The encouraging reports at the annual meeting held April 10th, noted progress in every department. The President, Mrs. Ewart, in her address emphasized that "Forward" should be the rally word of the Society. Rev. T. W. Goodwill, of Cobourg, conveyed to the delegates the greetings of Presbytery, and was the chief speaker of the evening. "The storm has passed over," and the good old Presbyterian Church is sailing on an even keel. In a very optimistic tone the speaker pointed out that nothing but good can come out of the recent schism in the Church.

Miss Ethel Gunn gave an address of her work among the Jewish people in Toronto.

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MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY
THE Quarterly Executive Meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial was held in Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, April 23rd, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. C. Elder and Mrs. Geo. Ross. The various reports showed progress in all departments. Mrs. W. E. Baker, the Treasurer, reported that \$2,118.27 had been received since January 11, 1926. Mrs. E. B. Busted, Exchange Secretary, reported that eight excellent original papers had been sent in, which were worth printing for circulation. These papers are now at the disposal of Auxiliaries. Miss L. A. Sinclair, Life Membership Secretary, reported 1 Honorary, 2 In Memoriam, 4 Life and 2 Junior Memberships. Home Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Stackhouse, reported that 6 Auxiliaries that formerly had no Home Helpers, now have 141 members, making a total of 23 Auxiliaries, with 598 members. Mrs. Jas. Clish, Young Women's Secretary, reported 3 new Auxiliaries with 36 members, a total of 7 Auxiliaries with 110 members, and an Associate Auxiliary—a Bible class of 12, making a grand total of 122 members. The Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. P. J. McVittie, reported 3

new Mission Bands. A successful Rally was held April 6th, at which 250 children, and 50 adults were present. Mrs. Chas. Johnson reported 155 new subscribers to *The Glad Tidings*, making a total of 1,300 members receiving this magazine.

Mrs. J. Gordon Reid, Secretary of Welcome and Welfare, who co-operates with Miss McArthur in immigration work, reported that a conference had been held in March, when information regarding work had been given to the new Auxiliary Secretaries. It was urged that they report all removals, even those leaving the country, that it may be shown our Church is not only alive but active.

Miss Hugill, deaconess at large, reported that 45 Chinese families, 60 Taylor-Fairmount families, and 20 Rosemount families had been called upon; in cases where there was sickness, or teaching to be done, these were visited weekly. Flowers and books had been distributed among the sick and shut-ins.

Mrs. Geo. Stevenson, Literature Secretary, reported many valuable and interesting books on hand, also the sale of many reference books.

At the conclusion of these encouraging and inspiring reports, the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Chas. Johnson.

Mission Band Rally

Two hundred and fifty children representing eleven of the fifteen Bands of the Montreal Presbyterial attended the Rally held in Knox Crescent Church on April 6th. All arrangements were made by Mrs. J. I. McVittie, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary.

A fine programme of missionary plays, songs and recitations was given, each Band contributing a number. Master James Jack of St. Matthew's Mission Band was Chairman.

Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, President of Montreal Presbyterial, gave a short talk and announced the promise of a banner. Miss Kirkwood showed some lantern slides on "School Life in Japan."

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Correction.—Mrs. James Gill should be credited to the Junior Aux. of St. Paul's Ch., Hamilton.

Prayer

OUR FATHER, we would come into Thy presence remembering that there the angels veil their faces. We, too, would come with reverence, and adoration, and worship, realizing that Thou art God, and beside Thee there is none other. We thank Thee that Thou art our Father, and that we are Thy children, whose petitions Thou dost hear and answer. We bring Thee thanks for daily blessings, for home, and family and friends; for Thy care and keeping in the day, and in the night time; for protection from the ills that pass us by at Thy bidding; for Thy patience with us. We thank Thee for so much of good in human living, the sympathy, the sacrifice, the unselfish service of our fellow-beings. Once again we owe Thee thanks for the coming of the spring time, and for all Thy great out of doors. And above all, and always, would we bow in gratitude for Thy greatest gift, Thy Son, our Saviour. We have so much to thank Thee for, our Father, so little to thank Thee with. Magnify Thyself in us, that we may the better serve Thee. Help us to walk the way that keeps us near to Christ, that we may the better serve others. Hasten the time, we beseech Thee, when the peoples of the world shall be Thy people. Bless the efforts of all who are striving to bring this day nearer. Be with the sick, the sorrowing and the lonely. Temper to them the weary hours of day and night, and in Thine infinite sympathy and understanding make them strong to endure. Continue Thy patience with us, we beseech Thee, blot out all our sins, and bless us; for our Master's sake, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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President's Address

TO-DAY we are gathered for the Sixty-second Anniversary of the organization of our Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). These years have seen many changes and a continual increase in interest, but in no year has this been more profoundly true than of the one just ended.

The year 1925 has been made ever memorable by the coming into effect of the United Church of Canada Act and the withdrawal from our membership of many who left the Presbyterian Church in Canada to enter the United Church.

As the vote was taken throughout the Dominion we found that our prophecies of the results were fully realized and that a strong and virile Presbyterian Church remained, with its Women's Missionary Society. Only a minute percentage of our membership could be at the historic meeting of June 11th, 1925, but it was an indication of the feeling throughout the whole Dominion. Encouraged by the spirit of real interest, our Society has gone on through a year memorable for its achievements.

It was not long before our Church and her Missionary Societies resumed their wonted programmes. In the various Synods a large proportion of the self-sustaining congregations had remained with our Church, although nearly 2,500 small charges, whose average membership was under twenty-five, had been swept into the Union. By December 31st, 1925, our beloved Church's strength included 77,303 families, 9,911 Sunday School teachers, 95,815 Sunday School scholars, in 1,138 congregations with a membership of 154,208. According to the Report of the General Assembly for 1924 the membership of the Church stood at 379,762. When the complete number of the communicants of our Church have been gathered, and the numbers in the unorganized districts added to the rolls, together with new communicants since December, 1925, we shall find that our membership will reach nearly the 200,000 mark. Those who know the situation best tell us that in five to seven years the Presbyterian Church will be as strong as ever.

What of our Women's Missionary Society? The rapidity with which our beloved Society recovered from the shock of disruption will rank as one of the most remarkable features of the whole episode. The en-

thusiasm with which women all over Canada came together to perfect organization and to fill vacancies was amazing. Women who never before had undertaken public responsibility came forward and willingly assumed leadership in Mission Bands and Auxiliaries; and the old and tried workers, together with those newly enlisted, triumphed over difficulty and discouragement, and, as a result, by December 31st, 1925, in the thirty-eight Presbyterials 1,201 branches of the W.M.S. had reported, in every province from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the far shores of the Pacific.

Some of your Executive had anticipated that the givings for six months, two of them vacation months, would not be below \$75,000, and might approach the \$100,000 mark. This the W.M.S. reached and surpassed, giving \$100,485.32 in practically four working months. This amount of money has been consecrated by sacrifice and sorrow, but tears of joy and thankfulness are now our portion. The faithful Auxiliary member, the lonely Home Helper groups, some without a church home, each has been blessed by our Lord, who reads the heart and knows the love that prompted the gifts.

Throughout the year members of the Council Executive, the Provincial Boards and Presbyterian Officers, have gone ceaselessly throughout the land encouraging and inspiring the organizations. Our missionaries in Canada and those on furlough from overseas have given themselves unstintedly in deputation addresses. The very fine work of our Travelling Secretary, Miss Pelton, who served without salary, deserves more than passing mention, and ranks as one of the most outstanding gifts of service of the young women of the Church, she having come in touch with 150 groups of our women in six months.

And what of the young girls and women of our Church? Everywhere they are giving enthusiastic support to the Church of their choice. During the year our contacts with our own Assembly's Board of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, in its C.G.I.T. programme, have been strengthened, as well as those with the National Girls' Work Board. Representatives of our Church will be at all C.G.I.T. Girls' Camps this summer. At Student Conferences of the past and coming months, students or missionaries on furlough, are in attendance.

The reports are, this year, for only six months, and practically upon the newer part of our work, as the documents necessary for making a full year's report are in the hands of the Mission Boards of the United Church of Canada, who have been made Trustee Administrators of the former property and equipment of work of the Church in its missionary enterprise, until the Federal Commission can meet to adjudicate and apportion them between the two denominations.

To facilitate the work of the Commission, by endeavoring to come

to some amicable division of foreign mission work between our Board of Missions and the Boards of the United Church of Canada, conference was requested with them to discuss and, if possible, agree upon a basis of division of fields.

Gwalior is ours already by mutual agreement, nearly all of the property there was purchased or given by individual donors and not by the Church.

After meeting a number of times for discussion our representatives made a proposal to the United Church to take over about two-fifths of the foreign work of the Presbyterian Church as constituted before June 10th, 1925. The full text of this proposal, prepared by the Chairman, Rev. N. H. MacGillivray appears in the June issue of *The Glad Tidings*.

Both in our former territory, and in many other parts of the world fascinating opportunities of opening up new work, offer themselves. Huge tracts of South America are open; 270,000,000 Moslems in Asia and Africa (seventy million of them in India) still have practically no work being done among them. We hope ere long to begin our contemplated Moslem work, either in a new field, or perhaps more wisely as an adjunct to an old one, among hitherto untouched peoples. It is a strategic hour for the Moslem world; bereft as it is of Sultan and Caliphate it is as if the Roman Catholic Church had lost its Pope. This is the time of transition for the followers of Mohammed. Where shall we help with so many doors ready for entrance?

Some of these opportunities were reported to you in detail last year. They are still open. A choice will be necessary. The time for that we hope is near. Whatever areas we do undertake let us pursue an intensive policy of equipping and manning them fully.

Whatever will ultimately be our sphere of work, we need more missionary candidates. Already our young people are offering themselves for work at home and abroad. The Assembly's Board, charged with the training of missionary and deaconess workers opened a Missionary and Deaconess Training Home last January. The applications for next year make it look as if larger temporary quarters will have to be found before September. Our own Board has at present a greater number in communication with our Candidate Secretary than at any one time in a period of many years and these of higher qualifications than usual, but we need still more. Physical causes prevent many from being accepted for overseas work. We want fifty. Make the opportunity known to these vital, warm-hearted Christ-loving young women. They will respond. One thing will assure it: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." This never fails.

In spite of the handicap of interim administration of our former

work by the Boards of the United Church, the year has been one of progress, amazing in its extent. This necessarily was more pronounced in our national mission work. In view of the overseas work, which may be ours at any moment, we are holding a portion of the funds ready; we are also building up a Sustaining and a Pension Fund.

You will hear from the faithful secretaries of departments the details of expansion. We merely allude to them here.

The growth from nothing to the present output, of our Editorial and Publications' Department reads like an impossible tale. Few magazines in so few months, find themselves with so large a paid subscription list, as does *The Glad Tidings*. The output of literature is more than creditable; and even lantern slides and lecturettes are available.

We are paying salaries of those missionaries who are remaining Presbyterian. No tribute is too high to pay to these women who were willing to suffer and sacrifice for conscience sake. Overseas, in spite of delayed decision as to ultimate control, good work has continued. In South China, although political upheaval has driven nearly all our missionaries to temporary positions elsewhere, or home on furlough, we are providing Hackett Medical College in Canton with Dr. Jessie McBean. The hospital at Kongmoon of which she was formerly superintendent had to be temporarily closed when steamers ceased and missionaries were compelled to flee. Miss Dulmage sought refuge in Hong Kong, and is now on the staff of the Diocesan Girls' School at Kongloon. We hope wise solutions may soon be found for the problems of extra territoriality and other international difficulties.

In Japan fine results have already followed our support of the Working Girls' Night School in connection with Dr. Caroline Macdonald's work in Tokyo.

The work in India has been most encouraging. The work in the Bhil country has borne rich fruit under the care of Miss Robson and Miss Manarey, who have rendered valuable assistance to Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan. Miss Ruth Buchanan has just been appointed to this field and will relieve Miss Robson when she comes on furlough. Medical missionaries and nurses are needed here.

In our own land the year has been an uninterrupted story of achievement and extension. It is encouraging to find medical work in operation on two frontiers, one at Fort McMurray, 304 miles north of Edmonton, Alberta, the other at South Porcupine, New Ontario, which is about the same distance north of Toronto.

Our first venture, the Presbyterian School Home at New Liskeard, with its splendid equipment, has proved its worth throughout the year, and other similar undertakings already appear on the horizon.

Our Social Service Department has been strengthened by the appoint-

ment of additional deaconesses and port workers. The fine piece of work of "All People's Mission" at (Gonor) Selkirk, Man., has been enlarged and strengthened.

In the Indian work four reserves have remained loyally Presbyterian.

The good Samaritan instincts of women and girls all over our country found expression through our Supply Department whose list of needs supplied is inspiring, while the Library Department sent reading matter to many an isolated home, and obtained for some Minority Groups and newly organized congregations, hymn books and Bibles.

The work among Orientals in Canada has been most encouraging. The Chinese in several centres remain Presbyterian. We have a W.M.S. staff of four in three centres. Among Persians in Saskatchewan work has been begun and a Persian ordained missionary is conducting a mission among his countrymen at North Battleford.

Altogether during the year twenty-three additional appointments have been made in the home land. Two have been appointed to the foreign field; two more have been accepted, dependent upon medical certification, and other appointments are imminent.

Our Society has continued its relationship with other national and international Church organizations, and has also linked up with the League of Nations through its Council Executive, thus giving us closer access to questions regarding child welfare, and other problems affecting our work.

The Council Executive has met regularly every Tuesday morning in Knox College Board Room, except during the summer vacation and legal holidays. As a Board of the Assembly, and as a constituent part of the Board of Missions which outlines the missionary policies of our Church, the Council Executive has been kept in close touch with problems of the moment and in all things has sought to strengthen the Church.

Two great needs confronted the Church; one, a greater number of ministers; the other, the need of a Church Extension Fund, to assist Minority Groups by loans to build churches; the question of having a small share in this fund, will be before you in our business sessions. Such an enterprise will bring hope to many hearts. Let us in this building programme, wherever churches, however large or small, are being built seek to make them meet for worship, not costly but truly beautiful and graceful.

As we see the work grow, we thank God for the progress that has been made. What the Society owes to the experienced Board and other officers can never be estimated. What it owes to the newly appointed and inexperienced officers, who in every part of Canada so willingly serve, cannot be put into words. But it owes most of all to the women,

be they well known or obscure, who yet have exercised their right and privilege of intercession, with the result that workers have been guided, work has been strengthened and the harvest ripened, because they prayed. Theirs, wherever they may be, is the year's achievement.

A Message from the Moderator of the General Assembly

To the Women's Missionary Society, W.D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada:

GREETING! Congratulation! Benediction!—and if there be aught else I can give, it is yours to command.

“We were like them that dream”—sang the Psalmist—of the freedom, light and joy which had come after a long night of bondage and sorrow. Like a dream seems the position and outlook of your Society to-day, so bright is it in contrast to many an anxious fear of twenty months ago.

How unlikely then, to human eye, seemed your present great organization, far-reaching as ever it was in former years, covering near a thousand leagues from East to farthest West! How faint was then the prospect of such a good year's work as is shown in your reports! How undreamed then your meeting this year in the centre of Western Canada, where the Presbyterian Church, with its age-long stand for truth and freedom, was so often reported dead and buried, no more to rise again!

Can it all be true? Is there somewhere, somehow, a dream? Was the crisis and storm of the past year a dream? Is your present gathering with its high hopes and bright prospects, only a dream?

The storm we know was not a dream, but a tremendous reality. But that storm has passed. The elements that made the storm have passed out of our Presbyterian Church in Canada and in her Women's Missionary Society there is once more sunshine and peace.

And that peace we know is not a dream, but a great, glad reality. It is the peace born of faithfulness to conviction, and of loyalty to duty and to truth, the peace of a deeper sense of dependence upon God, and of His never failing presence and guidance and help, the peace of being nearer to Him in fellowship and trust by the testing of your faith.

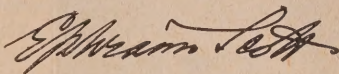
May the spirit of high and holy purpose and of humble prayer, deepened and strengthened by trial, remain with you when the trial has passed. May the good work of your Society in years that are gone be followed by better work in the years that are to come. May you have wisdom and strength to meet the perils of prosperity, more subtle and

dangerous than those of adversity. May you all and always be kept very near in spirit to Him who has hitherto so wondrously led you, thus will you be always in a position and condition to receive His promised leading.

May your visit bring cheer to the loyal women of the West who are so bravely holding the fort against greater odds, and may their zeal be an inspiration to all.

May earth's darkness be made light and earth's sorrow be turned into joy by the glad message of your missionaries in ever increasing numbers in future years.

May your New Era, at home and abroad, grow ever stronger in faith, fuller in service, brighter in prospect, richer in retrospect, sweeter in fellowship, unity and peace.



The Council Meeting

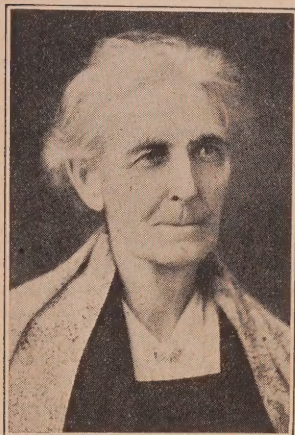
THE meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in Parkview Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, on May 19th-21st, 1926. Wonderful as have been the meetings of the past—and memory stretches far as we think of them—the one in Saskatoon outrivals all. As nature can only mirror her beauty in waters that are deep and placid, so it was with the Council; its depth and serenity enabled us to see a perfect reflection of our work as it was unfolded for us day by day.

With reverent pen we touch the preparatory meeting for prayer. Although weeks have passed since it took place, we can still hear the sound of eager feet as they hurried to that early service. There were no laggards, no late comers, no vacant chairs. At the hour set the door was closed and the morning watch began. What Psalm but "I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes" could we sing? What repeat together but "The Lord is my Shepherd?" and ere we knew it, the things of earth dimmed and on the upland we communed with God. In the words of scripture, psalm or hymn, the need of each heart found utterance, and the closing message of one became the motto of all, even, "Watching unto Prayer."

From this atmosphere we entered the Church for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The memory of that hallowed hour will not soon pass. The Rev. Dr. McQueen's message on "The Love of Christ Constrains us," and his assurance that "If we go out

with this great motive power burning within us, we will be able to advance the cause of Christ in Canada and to the uttermost parts of the world" we link with Rev. Mr. Patterson's closing injunction, "Tarry in love, in sympathy, in tenderness one for another." This service struck the keynote for the Council.

The meetings, eight in number, were presided over by the President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll. Her presidential address, and the messages from missionaries and secretaries appear in abridged form in this, our Council Meeting number.



MRS. ANNA ROSS
Formerly of Brucefield

The historic continuity of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its birth in prayer, were brought to mind by the Historian, Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor. Following this were greetings from Quebec Provincial Society; the W.M.S., Eastern Division; the W.M.S. of New Zealand, and the W.M.S. of the Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, also from the Moderator of our Church, the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Scott; the Rev. Wm. Patterson, minister of the Church where we convened, and his worship the mayor of Saskatoon.

The devotional services were taken by members of the Society throughout the Dominion, and the quiet hour at noontide, described by the President as the most important of all our meetings, was led by Mrs. Horne and Mrs. C. H. Thorburn. In the handling of the business great executive ability was displayed. Each Secretary was familiar with her department and only vital points were presented. A question box can mean something, and it can mean nothing. This year it was one of the fine features. The questions were those of thinking women who had experienced difficulties and sought wise solutions, and the problems discussed touched almost every department.

Perhaps it was because we were in the west, which is acknowledged to be a young people's country, that more than usual thought was devoted to young people's work. There was the story hour for Mission Bands with the fascinating story told by Mrs. Dill. And the young people's night, who can forget it? The Church packed to the doors and

people standing; the charming living pictures, set in a frame of gold, illustrative of our work, by the Junior C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Presbyterian Church. The introductory picture: "Our Pioneer Worker" was of historic interest, for Mrs. Anna Ross of Brucefield, a founder member of our W.M.S. in 1876, holding a Bible in her hand posed for this. We have heard of speaking likenesses and moving pictures, and this picture really moved and spoke when a dear little girl held up for her acceptance a bouquet of flowers. All the pictures were interesting, but the most appealing was entitled a Home Helper. It represented a mother sitting with a baby in her arms, reading *The Glad Tidings*, and was symbolic of that large and interested body of women whose home duties prevent their attendance at the Auxiliary. The illustrated story of the W.M.S., by Mrs. McKerroll and a series of pictures of India by Rev. D. E. MacDonald made a profound impression.

For the first time in our history our public meetings were broadcast, and from Station C.F.Q.C., Saskatoon, there went out to a great unseen audience, the message of Dr. McQueen, that beloved and honored sentinel of the West; a vivid word picture of the Bhil field by Rev. D. E. MacDonald, and sentence greetings from the other Missionaries present, who had been called to the platform: Mrs. McKenzie of Selkirk, Man.; Mrs. E. McQueen of Victoria and Miss Dickson and Miss Ethel Reid of South China.

At the closing session, which was also broadcast, the pioneer spirit of forty years in the west, and one hundred years in Ontario mingled in the thrilling story, by the Presidents of the six Provincials on "The Rebuilding of the Church and the Missionary Society." In vivid wording they pictured those who, "bereft in many cases of everything material, but with their conscience free and their honor unsullied have rebuilt their Church," and to-day, with ranks unbroken, face to the front and spirit undaunted are going forward in the service of their great Captain. The devotions at this service were taken by Rev. Mr. Miller of Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon.

The message from the Moderator of the General Assembly, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was read by the Rev. W. G. Brown, the audience standing to receive it.

One of the great treats at the Council was the lovely singing of the large choir, and their rendition, at this point, of the Hallelujah Chorus was tremendously impressive. The solemn ceremony of the dedication of the members of the Council Executive, who had been nominated for office by the Council, was performed by Rev. W. A. Cameron, our faithful Superintendent. The closing words were spoken by our honored missionary Mrs. MacKenzie of Selkirk, whose one desire was, "not to stay on the mountain of inspiration but to get back again

to her post to spend and be spent as never before in the Master's service."

The singing of "O God of Bethel" followed by the benediction and the national anthem closed the Council.

From these days of inspiration we go down to the days of opportunity, with their challenge to immediate and unstinted toil. But ere we face them, in all humility we pray:

"As Thou hast called us to Thy service
Make us worthy of Thy calling."

M.C.G.F.

A Financial Review

MRS. R. C. DONALD

I CANNOT give you a financial report for 1925—other than the Auditor's statement for the six months—from June 10th to December 31st, for we have nothing to compare our work with and no allocations to live up to. But we can review the wonderful way in which our Master has led us, and express our thankfulness for the splendid co-operation we have received from the women of our Church in every part of the country. And I would ask that every Presbyterial President take back to her officers our most sincere thanks and appreciation for their co-operation in all our suggestions.

It has been a difficult year, and we have all made mistakes. So many of us are acting in new positions, which we do not understand, but we have all done our best, with the result that the kindest feeling exists among all branches and officers and we are all determined that there will be a very decided improvement in our next year's work.

There are many points I would like to touch on, some are explanations, and some suggestions. First, as you perhaps realize, we have no Legacies Fund or Reserve Fund. We had no property! But we are trying to remedy this.

As to property, we now have our New Liskeard School Home valued at about \$8,000.00; our South Porcupine Hospital which has cost us \$8,881.69, with equipment costing \$3,033.31; also we have bought some extra property for the All People's Mission at Selkirk, (Gonor), Man., for which we paid \$377.50. All these properties are held in trust by the President, the Treasurer, Mrs. Thos. McMillan, Miss M. Clark, and Miss George, trustees appointed by you last June, and the deeds are held at our office.

You will remember that at our meeting last June, it was decided to establish a Sustaining Fund, for which ten per cent. of each month's receipts should be put aside. Also a Pensions Fund, for which ten per

cent. of the monthly salaries should be put aside. These two funds now amount to: Sustaining Fund, \$10,991.77; Pensions Fund, \$1,274.71.

Besides these, in February we transferred \$50,000.00 from our general fund to a savings account where we get 3 per cent. interest. We could have invested this in some other way, but felt that almost any day we might be called upon to take up some overseas work and we must be ready when the call comes. These different accounts will perhaps help you to understand the importance of sending your money in promptly each month that we may build up our Sustaining and Pensions Funds and increase our interest on our savings account. I would like to call the attention of all to the importance of remitting funds to their Presbyterian Treasurers, and not to me, as so many have done. This is just one of the things our new workers have not understood, but we are all learning.

In regard to estimates and allocations. Those sent out are necessarily only approximate, and we hope that a much larger amount of money, will be needed to carry on the work of our W.M.S. When the Commission hands us over our share or any share of the work, we have agreed not only to undertake the entire support but to reimburse the United Church for what has been expended since June 10th.

We hope that all Presbyterials and Auxiliaries have received their allocations and that their Finance Committees are planning and working to make sure that every Auxiliary will go well over their amount.

This year I hope to see that the annual report forms are sent out in good time and that we have good results from them.

I would ask that all monies be sent to me before the end of January, for our books are closed on January 31st and anything received after that date cannot be entered.

In the Annual Report you will see that the receipts of the Society for six months, from June 10th to December 31st, 1925, amounted to \$100,485.32, this sum being obtained through Provincial givings and individual subscriptions. The disbursements covering work in India, South China, Japan; and among the Chinese and Indians in Canada; hospital, school home and social service work; the cost of administration, organization and publications, amounted to \$24,113.42. The balance reached the sum of \$76,371.90 which included the General, Sustaining and Pension Funds.

"Help with your little help—it may not be much you can do, but somewhere some will see an effort's glory, and be stirred thereby to hope once more and lift up heart and try."

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Organization

NO SECTION of the report creates greater interest than does that devoted to statistics. And all must admit that the results of six months' work by a Society, supposed to be non-existent, are quite remarkable. The totals show: 38 Presbyterials; 660 Auxiliaries; 110 Young Women's Auxiliaries; 95 Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups; 297 Mission Bands; 39 Associate Societies, with a total membership of 33,415, which includes 4,394 Home Helpers. The average contribution per member is approximately \$3.16. These figures, said the Corresponding Secretary, represent the W.M.S., which is carrying on without a break of any kind, because our women had held fast to the ideals incalculated in them by their mothers. The burden of her message was, "Tarry with each other in prayer and personal service. These are the two great essentials in missionary work." She urged, too, a return to the purely missionary practice of devoting the four best meetings of the year to missionary study.

Speaking also for the International and Interdenominational Departments, Miss MacMurchy stated, that our W.M.S., as in former years, remains linked up with the International Union of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, and that membership also continues in the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions for North America.

The Society is represented on the Interim Committee of the Women's Missionary Boards of Canada and Miss MacMurchy appealed for a continuance of the observance of the Day of Prayer of the women of Canada along with the women of the United States, for prayer is the greatest power that we have in Canada in our missionary service.

Home Helpers

Mrs. Logie urged every woman to make it her business to see that a Home Helper Secretary, and a suitable committee to carry on the work, is appointed in every Auxiliary. This is important from the point of view of membership, for our Auxiliaries are recruited from the Home Helpers. Every Home Helper is a member of our Society, but we want them eventually to become active Auxiliary members. We also want the uninterested and indifferent. They need us and we need them.

Young Women's Auxiliaries

One hundred and ten Young Women's Auxiliaries, with a membership of 2,300 after six months' work, was, Mrs. Poole thought, a most encouraging report for a Church which was said to have no young people

left in it. It is also a stimulus to put forth every effort to have a Y.W.A. in every Church. The young people like to undertake big things and carry them out themselves. Let us help them to catch a vision of the world need and they will be inspired with the missionary spirit.

The helpful suggestions of the Secretary for the conduct of such meetings were too good to be abbreviated. They will appear in a later issue.

C.G.I.T.

There was an infectious note of optimism and enthusiasm in the message from Miss Muriel Gray regarding the C.G.I.T. Although the Secretaries have written from every province of the difficulties encountered: loss of Church and leaders, in some cases both, necessary reorganization and the impossibility of getting a complete report as the C.G.I.T. year begins in September and ends in June, yet, in every instance these facts were simply mentioned while hope and encouragement were stressed. A plea was made for the sympathetic interest of the W.M.S. members in the girls' work. The Auxiliary members will be the richer for intercourse with these enthusiastic future recruits of our Society. There are now 95 Groups and over 1,000 girls. The closer co-operation between the W.M.S. and the National Girls' Work Board, which is composed of representatives from five denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Disciples, Presbyterian and United Church was mentioned. Our policy is to have all girls' organizations in our Church affiliate with the W.M.S., and follow the prescribed missionary programme once a month, giving either an offering or making supplies. The Council was asked to approve the appointment* of a Young Women's and Girls' Secretary to further the organization of the young people of the Church.

Miss Dorothy Kirkpatrick brought greetings from the National Girls' Work Board and the 32,000 girls who, from Cape Breton to Victoria, are on a definite and clear eyed quest for the best life has to give.

Mission Bands

Mrs. Dill sensed the present situation truly when she said: "The children's hour has struck," you cannot pick up a paper or a magazine but you read of something being done for the children. On the children of the future will depend the peace and civilization of the world. Let us keep our hopes and aims high for them, because the impressions they receive in early years remain with them through life. At the Sunday School Convention in Glasgow, it was stated that there were thirty-two million children in the world's Sunday School organization. We re-

* We are glad to announce that Miss E. A. Sinclair of Harriston, has been appointed Girls' Work Secretary.—Ed.

cently learned that there are eighty million Mohammedan children besides the children of India and China, and the feet of our children must carry the message to the children who are sitting in darkness and superstition. My ideal is a Mission Band in every Church. Surely if the women of the W.M.S. believe that the Mission Band is the foundation of our work they will see to it that this ideal is realized.

Field Workers

A message of love and prayer was received from Miss Pelton. Words cannot express the value of the service she has rendered our Church and W.M.S. Our hope is that by the fall she will be able to resume her work. Reference was also made to the appointment of Miss Lamont as Field Secretary in Manitoba.

Student Work

Miss McEwen explained that the work of the Student Department is to find out what the students desire to be, and advise them about the courses in schools, hospitals and universities, and put them in touch with the Church in the college centre if they are away from home. Miss McEwen feels that a Secretary in each university centre, who would be responsible for the students there and who would report to her the names of those considering applying for national or overseas service would be a great help. When a student completes her college or university course and is ready for the Deaconess Home or other religious training, she is passed on to the Candidate Department. Miss McEwen also outlined the work of the Christian Student Movement and the Student Volunteer Movement and paid tribute to the service they are striving to render. She feels there must be the best physical equipment and also an abundant spiritual life before a volunteer enters overseas service.

Miss Hilda Neatby, a student at Saskatoon University, described the Student Volunteer Movement, and how the members of this association, while still at the university discussed and sought to solve the problems which confronted those who were considering Christian Missionary Service.

The Christian serenity in Miss Kathleen Patterson's presentation of the Student Christian Movement, viewed from the students standpoint, was commended by the President. Miss Patterson felt that the S.C.M. in its original purpose is very valuable if not influenced by a type of modern philosophy, and that the founder is to be congratulated on the purpose of the movement.

Mrs. Grace, W.M.S. representative at the Student Christian Movement Conference for western students, held at Saskatoon University last Christmastime, followed with a very frank report mentioning its helpful side and, at the same time, sounding a warning note against the

ultra modernistic views which had been expressed which might seriously undermine the faith of the students.

Candidate

We hope to send three missionaries to Gwalior this fall. We need doctors, nurses and teachers for immediate service, and when the Federal Commission has apportioned the old, and we get what was and is our work, we shall need more for our overseas fields, and more still when we open up new work. The only way to obtain them commended by our Master is "Pray ye", and this, Mrs. Grant urged all to do.

Publications

In prefacing her report Miss Parsons said, "I know that literature will secure results, but literature cannot work if it is not worked." In the last six months of 1925, about 45,000 leaflets and books were published and distributed by the Publications Office; 30,000 of these being free leaflets. The lack of our own annual report was felt, last year. This should enhance the value of the one about to be issued. Miss Parsons urged every Auxiliary to devote one meeting to a study of the *Blue Book* and to use *The Glad Tidings* at every meeting. The topic for study for 1926 is The Moslem World. The following text-books have been chosen on which to base the programmes which will appear in *The Glad Tidings*: Auxiliary—"Moslem Women"; Intermediate—"Young Islam on Trek"; Junior—"Two Young Arabs." A review of these and other valuable supplementary books will appear in the September *Glad Tidings*.

Editorial Work

The Editor, Miss Fraser, outlined the steps which led to the publication of *The Glad Tidings* and told of the growth from a sixteen to a thirty-two page magazine in five months' time, with paid up subscriptions on April 15th, 1926, of 18,600, not including 150 complimentary copies. The objective for 1926 is 25,000 subscribers. The service rendered by the daily press and by the six Provincial Press Secretaries was gratefully acknowledged, that of Mrs. Acheson, Press Secretary for Alberta Provincial being especially commended. Mrs. Acheson later told of the *News-Bulletin* which she prepared herself and sent each month to one woman in a group to be read by all; they in turn sending W.M.S. news items to her.

Library

The Library Secretary, Miss Pringle, reported through the Editor that, since Christmas, she has sent out seventeen pulpit Bibles to Minority Groups, and their joy on receiving them was touching. She has the offer of ten more and would like to get homes for them. Those

having any to donate are asked to communicate with Miss Pringle who will tell them where to send them. She also asks that books and magazines be passed on to those in lonely and isolated places after they have been read.

Supplies

Mrs. Fletcher spoke truly when she said that many members are not happy if they are not busy, so numerous requests for work had been received. The preparation of the bales is a labor of love and sympathy, and prayer has accompanied many a stitch. The new Supply leaflet is intended to promote the carrying out of Supply work, not to interfere with the way Supplies are prepared. It describes the different types of work and the duties of the various Supply Secretaries. It is issued free.

NATIONAL MISSION WORK

Welcome and Welfare

This department, said Mrs. Horne, functions under two sections—welcome and welfare, and deaconess work. Our aim is to make it very definitely and strongly evangelistic. We want to cease to know anything about *strangers* in our Church and to know them rather as *new friends* whom we seek to help. Since December this department handled over 7,000 names.

Our meeting is highly honored by having one of our outstanding missionaries, Mrs. MacKenzie of Selkirk, Manitoba, with us. Miss McDonald and Miss Gunn, in Toronto, are doing a fine piece of work among the Jewish women in their homes. Our deaconesses are rendering splendid service. We remember especially those who have gone to Northern Ontario—Mrs. Mitchener at Cochrane, and Miss Whitby at North Bay and adjacent points.

Engaged in port work at Montreal there is Miss McArthur and Miss Hugill, and at Quebec, Miss Scott. We get lists of 1,000 names. Think what it means to go to a wharf and meet 1,000 people! A leaflet of information about our Church and her activities is being prepared so that these newcomers may know that the Church of their fathers still flourishes and that we stand ready to welcome them to this new land. Above all, remember in prayer our workers who are developing the highest kind of Social Service under our W.M.S.—Christian Social Service.

Hospitals

In the absence of Miss Pringle, Mrs. Strachan reported that two hospitals have been opened, South Porcupine in Northern Ontario, and Fort McMurray in Alberta. The hospital in South Porcupine has com-

mended itself to the community and has been of service to cosmopolitan patients. There are whispers of an extension being asked for, in the meantime, all we are adding is a verandah and a coat of paint. At Fort McMurray, Miss Ross has already made fifty-six visits. The log house is curtained off into four rooms. Here patients have been treated and lives saved.

School Homes

The department of School Homes and Indian Work was spoken to by Mrs. Strachan, Educational Secretary for our National Missions. Her message was: The Presbyterian School Home has been established at New Liskeard and we intend opening one in Saskatoon, which is a strategic centre. It will likely cost \$20,000 and will accommodate forty girls. We want to make it a place where our Presbyterian girls can come. During the holiday months it can be utilized for a summer school or as headquarters for Sunday School work in outlying places. Our aim is to make it a real centre of help to our Church in the city and province. We expect it will be entirely self-supporting.

We are most anxious to have a School Home in the Province of Quebec as speedily as possible, so that the children of our scattered Protestant families will have the opportunity of education and religious instruction.

Indian Work

There is no report of actual educational work among the Indians. Four reserves, the feeding ground of Birtle Indian Boarding School, are, by vote of the band, 90 per cent. Presbyterian, and the Indians are insisting that the Presbyterian Church should take over Birtle School. Supplies have gone to Bird Tail and Okanase reserves and an organ and a lantern to the latter.

Missionary and Deaconess Home

There are so many applications that a larger house has to be rented, was Mrs. Strachan's first statement. The second was that the Assembly's Committee realizing the distances in Canada has ruled that any candidate living beyond a radius of 200 miles from Toronto will have her railway fare paid to and from this Home. Write for the new prospectus to Rev. J. A. Hiltz, Davenport Road Presbyterian Church, cor. Davenport Road and Deleware Ave., Toronto 4.

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese in Canada

AS Chinese work in Toronto and Victoria had been spoken to by Miss Dickson and Mrs. MacQueen, Mrs. Grant dealt only with the work of Miss Hugill in Montreal and Miss Davies in Brockville and points



Delegates in attendance at the meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society, Saskatoon, Sask., May 19th-21st. This Church, with a seating capacity of 450 persons. The beautiful city park stretches to the right.

east. Miss Hugill fortunately speaks Chinese. Miss Davies knows only the language of love and interest, but it has opened the door of many a heart. In September, Miss Hugill visited the Chinese women and children in Western Ontario centres. The families ranged from one to nine and in every instance she was welcomed and asked to come again. Leaflets and Bible stories in Chinese and picture cards were left for the children. She also interested many Auxiliaries in this work.



of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, held at Parkview Presbyterian Church, and itself taxed to its utmost to accommodate all who wished to attend the evening meet-

Last fall a member in Regina asked that some one be sent to visit the Chinese women and children in Saskatchewan. At the close of the Council meeting, Miss Reid of South China will undertake this work.

Persians in Canada

The services of Rev. E. O. Eshoo, in North Battleford, Sask., have been so acceptable to his people that Rev. Peter Fisher has suggested

that he be left there for a year. At the first communion service there were thirty-five Persians present. On his way to North Battleford, Mr. Eshoo spent two weeks in Fort William ministering to the Persians there.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

In the absence of the Secretaries of our Overseas Missions, Mrs. Horne referred her hearers to the printed report on our overseas work as given by the Secretaries for the different fields. Because of our interest in the work, we had all helped to build up, Mrs. Horne told of the conference with the representatives of the Executive of the former Presbyterian Societies now in the United Church, and members of the Executive of the Presbyterian Board of Missions regarding a fair division of the work and fields formerly supported by both. After various conferences and careful consideration, an outline of the work for which we were able and willing to assume responsibility, was drawn up by Rev. N. H. MacGillivray and presented to the joint Executive Boards. It appeared later in the June *Glad Tidings*.

We are told that to-day every Christian Church body has assumed responsibility for more work than it can fulfil. There are open doors in every part of the world. We have a duty to the old work and should try to secure it. At the same time, if God is using this means to lead us out into new fields, it is the same voice that called us to enter the old.

THE COUNCIL AND THE BUSINESS

Attendance at the Council. Out of a possible Council of 103, there were 87 present. By provinces the representation was: Alberta 8; British Columbia 10; Manitoba 8; Ontario 29; Quebec 4; Saskatchewan 9; Council Executive 19. In addition to these there were 5 missionaries and 1 special speaker, 81 visiting delegates from Saskatchewan, and 4 from other provinces, making the total delegation 178.

Council meeting for 1927. An invitation was received from British Columbia Provincial to hold the next Council in Vancouver. After discussion it was decided to meet in central Canada, the place to be decided upon later.

Policy. It was agreed: 1. That we give \$1,000 this year to the Church Extension Fund being inaugurated by the General Assembly. This fund is for the purpose of loans without interest to small and struggling congregations who require assistance in erecting Churches.

2. That decisions relating to new work and especially to overseas work, in these days of difficulty and transition, be left to the Council Executive. Abnormal times require this unusual measure.

3. That we endorse the policy of the Board of Missions, that our mission work be intensive rather than extensive.

Short term service. This was considered but not finally decided. In view of the missionaries' need of furlough, the Council Executive was authorized to use its judgment in relieving these missionaries and supplying the work in whatever way it considers wise.

New work. Agreed that the following requests be granted at the earliest possible date: **Alberta**—a School Home and deaconess; **British Columbia**—at least two workers among the Chinese and a deaconess at large for Vancouver; **Manitoba**—work on Indian reserves will likely be taken up in this province; **Ontario**—a deaconess offr Algoma district; **Quebec**—a port and hospital worker in Montreal and a School Home; **Saskatchewan**—a School Home. In addition to these, are the many requests from overseas to be considered when the fields ar allocated.

Alterations in Constitution. Permission was granted the Council Executive to make slight alterations in the Constitution to bring it into line with the decisions of the Council.

Expense Fund. The lawful use of the Expense Fund of the branches was discussed. It was agreed, "That all monies in the General Fund must be sent intact to the Presbyterial Treasurer. The Expense Fund shall be used to pay all Auxiliary expenses, such as stationery, advertising and delegates expenses." The General Fund means Auxiliary and Mission Band contribution.

Notice of Motion. "Notice of motion is hereby given for any such changes in the constitution as may be made necessary by the alteration of the period between the stated meetings of the Council at present held annually, also for any changes which the decision of the Federal Commission may necessitate."

Officers. As the Council Executive is now a constituent part of the General Assembly, and elected by it, the Council having previously nominated those members, the election did not take place until after the Assembly closed. The officers of the Council Executive for 1927 appear on the inside cover page of *The Glad Tidings*. Three members for special secretaryships have yet to be appointed. The Executive was given power to fill these vacancies.

Historic collection. Mrs. McKerroll asked that we start a collection of articles of historic interest to our Society, such as she had seen in Great Britain.

Greetings and messages of love were sent from the Council to all our national and overseas missionaries.

By-laws. The By-law as read re Board of Trustees will be found in the Annual Report. In By-laws, British Columbia, Constitution p. 16, last sentence, "all..... meeting" to be omitted.

RESOLUTIONS

That this Council here assembled place on record their heartfelt appreciation and grateful thanks to the Executive Board for the splendid service rendered during the past year. The Very Rev. the Moderator of the General Assembly has already expressed the thanks of the highest Court of our Church. It is fitting that the members of our W.M.S., young and old, should record on the blotted page of 1925, the assurance that so long as our Society lasts, the names of these courageous women will be loved and honored for what they have done to hand on, in freedom and fullness, The Faith of Our Fathers.

That we earnestly solicit the personal sympathy of our members on behalf of our Student Missionaries. The success of the summer's work may depend on some kindly act, some touch of home life, for these strangers within our midst, who, perhaps for the first time, are presenting Christ and His Kingdom, to their fellow-men.

That we express our deep sense of gratitude to The British and Foreign Bible Society, for their continued services to the cause of missions, without which, we could not carry on our work.

That every effort be put forth towards a more strict observance of the Sabbath Day.

That we re-affirm our stand on Prohibition, throughout the whole Dominion.

Grateful thanks were tendered to the Rev. Dr. McQueen of Edmonton, who has been such a tower of strength to our Church in the West, for his Reminiscences of Pioneer Days, in the time of the late Dr. Robertson, of whom he is a worthy successor; and to our missionaries and workers for their inspiring addresses.

To the Rev. Wm. Patterson, Rev. W. G. Brown and Rev. W. A. Cameron who helped so greatly to make the Council a success; to the ladies of Parkview and St. Andrew's congregations for their warm welcome and gracious hospitality; to the press for fully reporting our meetings; and to the many others who helped to make our stay in Saskatoon so pleasant and the Council an unqualified success.

FURTHER MEMORIES

The delegates from the East were asked to provide a number of women who would go to the various Churches and Minority Groups and speak to them on the Sabbath following the Council meeting. The list of places where Council members spoke: Maple Creek and Hay Creek; Assiniboia; Prince Albert; Edmonton, Alta.; North Battleford; Kindersley; Tisdale; Moose Jaw; Regina; Lloydminster, Alta.; Landis; Pamburn; Swift Current; Vermilion, Alta.; Brier Crest; Arlington Beach; Qu'Appelle; Rosetown; Broadview; Luseland; Saskatoon.

Eighty-one visiting delegates from Saskatchewan alone, came to the Council at their own expense, and were billeted by the Saskatoon ladies, in addition to the Council.



TURNING THE FIRST SOD ON THE NEW SITE OF
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SASKATOON

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, took advantage of the presence of so many Presbyterians from all over Canada to make a beginning on their new Church home. On the evening of May 20th, the Rev. W. G. Brown, minister of the Church, in the presence of a large and interested audience conducted a very beautiful service, and Mrs. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S. turned the first sod and brought congratulations from the W.M.S. In token of this event she was presented with a small silver spade suitably inscribed.

Welcome visitors at the Council were Rev. Mr. Taylor, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society who told how they were meeting the need for Bibles in fields where our missionaries are working. Mr. Morrison, representative of the British Land Settlement Society, spoke of the work of this organization and of our duty to the people who are coming to make their home in Canada, and especially to the Presbyterians.

The Council delegates had the opportunity of attending the luncheon given in honor of Mrs. C. H. Thorburn of Ottawa, by the Canadian Clubs of Saskatoon, and of hearing her address on the International Conference of Labor in the League of Nations at Geneva where she represented Canada.

Two Provincial Presidents were unable to be at the Council. Mrs. Pillar of Vancouver and Mrs. Sharp of Montreal. We missed them both. Another officer whom we all loved will never be there again—Mrs. Fred Ross, late Corresponding Secretary for Ontario Provincial, and how she would have rejoiced in the meetings!

This Council of royal memories would be incomplete without three

picture gems. One, the Sabbath service on the way out conducted, at the request of the President, by Ontario Provincial while the train was standing, we all gathered in one car. As the prayer song, "O God of Bethel" rang out we instinctively rose. It was the old song in a new setting, for out in the lonely beauty of Northern Ontario we saw a little log cabin, and standing at the door listening, a father and his little boy. Then the train moved on and the service continued.

The other was the gathering in Winnipeg when the women of East and West conferred on their work and problems and were heartened by the prediction "that in five years' time our Church in Manitoba will be as strong as ever."

The last was Sabbath at Jasper, amid the eternal hills.

"Where silence hushes discontent
And petty fears are lost in space.
The Builder of the firmament
Still meets His people face to face."

Pioneer Days in the West

REV. D. G. MCQUEEN, D.D., EDMONTON.

I WAS just wondering what the "Old Superintendent" would have said if he had had such a body of women behind him in the old days when he was planting the foundation of Presbyterianism all over this Western Canada as we see in this Church to-night. It is a matter of congratulation to all of us to remember that the three pioneer Churches still remain with us—Old Kildonan on the Red River; St. Paul's, Prince Albert; and First Church, Edmonton, on the banks of the Saskatchewan. The pioneer Church on the mainland of British Columbia, St. Andrew's, New Westminster, has also stood true.

A great many of you have come into this western country since Dr. James Robertson, the "Old Superintendent," passed from the seen into the unseen, and it is of him I wish to speak. He was one of the most remarkable men that I have ever had anything to do with; with his strong personality, passion for work, strength and endurance. He was a man who would have been a leader in whatever work he chose, and might even have been Prime Minister of Canada, with his foresight and financial ability. The thing that he mourned was that when he first came out he was not backed up by the people of the East. They were given to a false economy. He was always asked to retrench, if possible. Canada does not realize how much she owes to the late Doctor James Robertson. I know that the business men of the East, the Canadian Pacific Railway officials and other corporations that were in-

terested in the development of the West, took far more stock in what he had to say to them than in their own special agents whom they had travelling in this country.

Another pioneer is Rev. W. G. Brown, formerly of Red Deer. Practically every man stationed in Central Alberta was placed there by Mr. Brown, and he has been able to keep nearly all of them true to the old Church.

A minister requires to have a sense of humor. The late Superintendent had that to a remarkable degree, he had also the most remarkable memory for names and voices. To give one instance: One Sunday afternoon we were visiting some settlers who had moved from Manitoba to a place five miles from Edmonton. One of the men was an Englishman, a Cockney. When Dr. Robertson shook hands with him he said, "You don't know me." "Yes, I do," said the Doctor, "I met you seventeen years ago on such and such a street in Winnipeg." The man said, "My goodness! I lived there then but I did not remember you." Now, if a political man had a memory like that what would it not be worth to him if he had ability along with it.

On one occasion, going out into a Presbyterian district in the Okanagan Valley, we had to remain over night in a junction point. We went to an hotel where the trainmen stayed and were put in the back woodshed to wash. It was after the usual hour for meals and the towel that was hanging by the washbasin was as black as the stove pipe. There was a Chinese cook running about. The Doctor started to wash, but first, he said, "John, that is the August towel. I want the September one."

His policy in gathering our forces together was to search out strategic points in this Western country. Then, in the spring, he would go to the colleges. There were a lot of students for the foreign fields, but they would not go West. It was amusing to hear the excuses they would give. Nearly all had an aged mother; others had some one else who was not so old, but who did not want to go West. I had no one, and came out alone. I asked Doctor Robertson how long he wanted me to stay. He said, "A year, or three years, or as long as you like." I am still here after thirty-nine years.

Another policy was that no community of settlers was to be allowed to exist any length of time without Church services. Canada will never know how much she owes to Doctor Robertson and the men associated with him who laid the foundation of truth and righteousness in this Western country. They did more to keep the Western country as you find it to-day than the Mounted Police. Even up in the Yukon the Mounted Police said, one good strong missionary is better than a force of Mounted Police officers because of the influence he exerts over the country.

Doctor Robertson always maintained that if you could get the man with the right message you would get the financial situation solid, and there is nothing that will do for this country but the simple, unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I wonder what our great Superintendent would say if he saw the work he helped to build up, disrupted as it has been, and the leaders who led their people out into the wilderness. We are out in the wilderness. We are the people that are called upon to build the walls again in this Western country, as well as in the older provinces. Our Church has been disrupted, but it has not been destroyed. This gathering proves that statement. And, I wish that all our missionaries that have been true to us could look into your faces and see the earnest expression in your eyes. You will stand by your work, and this Church will attain to something greater than it has yet attained, and that is saying a great deal. See to it that you do not despise the day of small things. If we had done so in the earlier days, we would not have had such churches as St. Paul's, in Prince Albert, and Old Kildonan, which have stood true. It is people who have convictions that count in the building up of the national character. You have no reason to be ashamed of the Presbyterian Church. Wherever the Church has gone—Australia, New Zealand, as well as this continent, it has been the backbone of civilization, education and everything that is worth while in the nation's life. Therefore, I say, let us rise up in the strength of our womanhood and manhood, so that no community will be allowed to go without a service of some kind. We want to work side by side, and in harmony with those that have separated from us, if they want us to, and it will not be our fault if we overlap, and surely they will not follow us after all they have said about overlapping.

We do not want to talk about ourselves, but about the need; not only of the responsibility, but of the great privilege of again building the walls of Zion in this great country.

God bless you all, and you will find the old men of the Church, those of us on the border line—you will find us, even in the evening-time of life, doing what we can to help you in your splendid work.

A Word Picture of the Bhil Field

REV. D. E. MACDONALD, INDIA.

IN A TORONTO newspaper, one of the leaders who has gone from us is reported to have said, "Our Church is not an English Church, not an Irish Church, not a Scottish Church, but a Canadian Church to meet Canadian needs." Judging from what I have seen here, I believe the women of our Church have a wider vision than that. I believe you see

in our beloved Presbyterian Church, "Not an English Church, not an Irish Church, not a Scottish Church, not even a Canadian Church to meet Canadian needs, but a branch of the Great Church of Christ Universal to meet world needs," and I do not think there ever was a greater opportunity given to the Church of Christ to meet world needs than at the present time.

I have had the privilege of serving in the two sections of Central India which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is claiming for her future field, and I want to tell you of conditions that prevail there, and how the Gospel is proving itself to be a power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

Thirty years ago, the British Agent was touring in Central India and saw the conditions under which the aboriginal tribes were living—there are 2,000,000 of them throughout the mountain districts. They had made every effort to tame them and had failed.

Our missionaries, Dr. Buchanan, and Mrs. Buchanan, left their hospital in the sacred city of Ujjain and went out into that jungle, believing that they could succeed where the government had failed; that by love they could tame and change those wild tribes. They were the robbers of India. They lived in little huts on their small farms in the valleys and on the hillsides, and were continually raiding the plains, and very little could be done with them. Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan opened work there in the very heart of the jungle, far from any village, and away from Hindu and Mohammedan influence.

What do we find to-day? Four central stations, a baptized community of about one thousand, and educational work being carried on by the tribes-people. You have there Miss Robson who, since 1912, has been in charge of the education of both boys and girls, and Christian children are growing up in Christian environment, knowing nothing of the demon worship of the surrounding districts. From that school there have gone out five young men, who later took their theological course and are to-day licensed preachers in the different stations. One of these young men offered to go to one of the wildest stations, seventy-five miles from Amkhut. One studied medicine under Dr. Wanless. and to-day he is back there with his little dispensary, ministering to his own people. Another, a preacher, is head master under Miss Robson. Last year, in their examinations, competing with Hindus and Mohammedans of all classes, one of Miss Robson's boys took first prize, and a medal, another the second prize, and three or four took high standing.

We are asked, "Is it worth while having our young people over there giving their lives to service in those foreign fields?" You have the answer there in those transformed lives.

Shortly after I went to India, one of our teachers told us that after

the mission was started he went to a man's house. He had a blackboard and a tribe of these uneducated people and was trying to tell the old, old story of the Cross, as simply as he could. A young native said, "The very first time I heard the story of the Cross, I knew that was the message I had longed to hear. I knew that all these sacrifices of ours were vain; that Jesus was the perfect sacrifice." That young man entered our school, took his theological course, and is one of our most earnest teachers of the Gospel. Last year that Christian community supported seventeen of those teachers and preachers.

There is what is called a "Mass Movement in Mind" amongst the educated classes, and a great mass movement amongst the outcasts. In our last mission before coming home, we had in that district we are now claiming as our own, every sign of a great mass movement. We received calls from village after village. A deputation travelled 100 miles over the hills to appeal to us to send them teachers, sixty in one village were asking for instructions and baptism, in another twenty, another thirty, and so on.

As a result of the shortage of funds and workers, we had to turn a deaf ear to these appeals. If that field is to be ours are we prepared to face the task before us? It means sacrifice if we are going to provide an adequate staff and properly support the work.

Last week I was summoned back to Toronto, on account of the illness of my children. It was not a welcome call, but after returning I gave a lecture and made a special appeal for medical missionaries. As a result a young man, one of the most promising I have ever seen, and his young wife, offered their services, and have been recommended by the Board. That young man sold out his \$7,000.00 practice to go and work among the millions that need him so badly, and they expect to sail for India in the fall.

We would plead with you to place the appeal before the young men and women of your congregations. We want recruits not only from your young women, but also from your young men. And I know if we wait patiently before God, that all the recruits will be forthcoming and that our Church will be known in the future, as in the past, as one of the great missionary Churches of the world.

Chinese in Canada

MRS. E. McQUEEN

WHEN Dr. Morrison was sailing to China in 1807, the captain of the vessel said to him sneeringly: "So, Mr. Morrison, you really expect that you will make an impression upon the idolatry of the great Chinese Empire." "No sir," Morrison replied, "I expect God will." In that

same unshaken confidence he continued his labors until at his death, twenty-seven years later, God's achievements through him are almost beyond the conception of the human mind.

China has always been the largest mission field in the world, and in God's wonderful plan for the Christianizing of this nation, He has brought it about that a large number of her people should come to our very doors, so that we are made responsible for our share in His great work.

We are told that there are some 50,000 Chinese in Canada. Reliable statistics inform us that between 1885 and 1919, ten million dollars were spent in Europe in urging people of the British Isles and the continent to seek our shores. The government frankly sought and paid for Slav and Swede, Muscovite and Mennonite. It bonused agents to secure him, it subsidized steamship companies to transport him; it endowed him with free lands and was even forced to care for him when, deserting the land for the city, he became a victim of industrial stress. On the other hand, during these same years not one dollar was spent in China for promoting migration, yet Chinese immigrants paid into the treasury of Canada, by head-tax alone, over \$20,000,000. Clearly, on that score the Chinese are a paying investment.

Looking back we find that the first Chinese drifted northward after the gold rush in California, but the great influx came in the early eighties with the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The circumstances are recalled by Mr. Cambie, the veteran railroad engineer, who served under Mr. Alexander McKenzie in his projected system of railways across Canada. When the C.P.R. project was taken over by a private company, Mr. Cambie became divisional engineer, and thus he saw the almost frantic efforts of Andrew Onderdonk to build the line across British Columbia within the stipulated five years. There were few laborers—white, red or yellow—in the country, and Onderdonk, after repeated unsuccessful attempts to recruit his gangs, in April 1882, brought two sailing vessels from China with 2,000 Chinese laborers. The ships were more than a month at sea, and the passage being very rough, the men were battened down most of the time, the inevitable followed. Scarcely had they been established in the huge camp at Spuzzen when scurvy broke out and the unfortunate died by hundreds. Those whom disease spared paid terrible toll in the tunnels and on the grade. By premature explosion and kindred causes many of them died in the work and the bones of victims of both scourge and accident alike, are littered along the line of the great highway they helped to make possible, for Onderdonk finished on time. The Chinese who are in British Columbia to-day are partly the aftermath of that first great yellow wave. We are also reminded in this connection that it was the Chinaman that made

our roads for us in France during the Great War. For these and other reasons we still look for British justice for the Orientals in our midst.

It is well known to us that it is the intention of the Chinese when coming to Canada, some day to return to their native land. Very many of them do, and they carry back to China the impressions, experiences and knowledge acquired during their stay here. Therefore, it is the conviction of those who are closest to the work that half a hundred Chinese in Canada present a great missionary opportunity for the Canadian Church that not only justifies what is being done but warrants its extension and development.

The work in Victoria was started some thirty-three years ago with such well-known leaders as Dr. Winchester, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Hall, Miss Gunn, and of late years with Rev. Mr. Leung as ordained pastor, and Miss Cronkhite and Mrs. McQueen as W.M.S. representatives.

For many years our work was carried on in cramped quarters, but at present we have a fine building which cost \$10,000. The Chinese paid about \$2,500 of this amount and have assumed the balance of \$1,500. There are between two and three thousand Chinese in Victoria and, despite the fact of industrial troubles, families are increasing and growing up here. In fact, the glory of our mission work in Victoria is the Christian home life found among the Chinese, and, I would emphasize the very great advantage it is to our work and to the advancement of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom to have these Chinese children brought up in the Church like our own boys and girls instead of having to break through the great black wall of heathendom. In fact, the most promising side of our Chinese work in British Columbia at the present time is that among the boys and girls. In former years, additions to membership were made through immigration, but since the immigration laws have become so strict we must look to the native born, therefore, much depends upon our work among the young in kindergarten, Sunday School, music club, and Mission Band. Whatever the future may hold this much can be said, that there is *no doubt* regarding the Chinese remaining with the Presbyterian Church. One of the finest evidences of their loyalty and interest was shown by the Chinese at a Sunday School rally service held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on New Year's day, when fifty-two Sunday School scholars turned out, forming the largest group present.

Our work includes: kindergarten; English and Chinese classes; night classes for young men; Sunday School; W.M.S.; Mission Band and visitation. The work in Victoria is all ready for a forward movement when the question of the property ownership is decided by the Federal Commission.

In the Vancouver Chinese mission there are no W.M.S. representa-

tives at present but work is carried on by voluntary workers. It is estimated that in Vancouver there are 10,000 Chinese men, and very little family life. The glory of the mission there is the young men. Over 200 men and boys, enrolled in the night school classes, were taught by voluntary workers from five of the leading Churches in the city. Gospel services are held after classes every night in addition to Sunday services, and it is worthy of note that the evening classes in English are the only ones conducted in all the missions of the city. A flourishing Mission Band has been meeting regularly under the leadership of Mrs. Gray. There is a Sunday School of seventy scholars, and eleven teachers and four young men's Bible classes. In addition to the other work undertaken, such as street preaching every Sabbath, incoming and outgoing Chinese steamers are boarded and passengers given a friendly greeting. Chinese classes in public schools are addressed once a week by our missionary, and outlying districts, wherever Chinese laborers are to be found, are visited. Night classes in English are held in the mission five nights every week and all this work is linked up with the Sunday services.

This year our Vancouver Chinese Church contributed towards our Church Budget, sending the sum of \$32.00 to Toronto to show their interest as a unit in the continuing Presbyterian Church in Canada. In Vancouver also the work is all ready for advance.

Our two Chinese pastors, Rev. Mr. Leung of Victoria and Mr. Yeung of Vancouver, are both well educated Chinese gentlemen, who have proved themselves faithful efficient pastors and are highly respected and beloved by their own people. Groups of women from different parts of Canada have written assuring us of their prayerful interest in this work. We have felt the influence of their prayers and thank God for their great work of intercession.

A Glimpse of Work in South China

MISS ETHEL C. REID

I FEEL almost like beginning as a Chinese woman would begin in addressing a Chinese audience: "Your insignificant little sister,"—meaning the speaker—"is very stupid, and has no wisdom and learning, and would not dare to presume to address such an important meeting without having been constrained to do so."

If I were to choose a text it would be, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." As I try to speak of my work in South China it is with an idea of telling you

something about those "other sheep", those women of China who I have been trying to lead to Christ and to build up in the Christian faith.

Our South China field is situated in the most southerly part of Canton and it is from this section that most of the Chinese in Canada come. The two and a half million people who live in some three counties were allotted to the Presbyterian Church in Canada when work was begun there some twenty-five years ago by Mr. and Mrs. MacKay. Robert Morrison went to that part over a hundred years ago, but, although the gospel has been preached in every province, Christianity has not made the same progress as in other parts of China. This is accounted for by the experience of the travelled Cantonese in so-called Christian countries before the missionaries went to China, and by the experience of those at home who have been exploited by commercial agents of those Christian countries.

Only the Cantonese emigrate. They travel to all parts of the world, and we can go into any home or village in any part of the country where we have been living and we will see things that tell us that the men are or have been abroad—a calendar from Queenston, Peru or Buffalo; or photographs taken in Midland, Ont., Australia, Honolulu or Trinidad. These men go all over the world and enter into business—laundries, restaurants, market gardens,—do anything to make a living, and by thrift and economy save up enough to return to their own land to die, for every Chinaman wishes his body to lie near his ancestral home so that its wants can be supplied by his descendants.

Many of these men have become prejudiced against Christianity through their intercourse with traders, but the response to earnest sincere Christian teaching is immediate and sincere. Many of these men become Christians abroad, one became a Christian in Montreal where he went, a rough uncouth man, to work in a Chinese laundry. He attended several Sunday Schools in order to learn English and met with such kindness from his teacher and from the women in the homes where he delivered the laundry, that he judged our religion by these people, and decided that he too would become a Christian. Through Dr. Torrey, the great evangelist, he became a convert to Christianity and immediately began his missionary work among the Chinese in Montreal. He felt called to return to China to work among his own people after he had taken special training in an American theological college. He has been one of our best evangelical workers and is about to be ordained.

*"Work is the holiest thing in earth or heaven
To lift from souls the sorrow and the curse;
This dear employment must to us be given
While there is want in God's great universe."*

Here and There in Canada

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

DURING the past six months I visited Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and points in Ontario and Quebec. When I returned from my first visit to the West, I felt very much humbled by the optimism of the western women in the face of difficulties such as we know very little about. My second trip confirmed this spirit of humility.

Talking of discouragements one lady in the West said: "This is a great next year country." I feel if the women's work moves forward as rapidly in the months to come as it has moved in the past success is assured. I would like to pass on this message from one of our Western women who said, "I think it would be well if we could forget much of what has happened in the past year and get our eyes on God."

In visiting the Ontario Presbyterials, the only change noticeable was the absence of a few familiar faces and an occasional reference to the struggle through which the Church had passed. Attention has been called to different Societies with 100 per cent. attendance. I have heard of one in Ontario which has an average attendance of forty and a membership of twenty-five! I noticed repeatedly, the interest the Societies were taking in the Constitution, one I visited having part of it read each meeting. The slogan of Quebec Presbyterial is: Every woman a member of the W.M.S., every woman taking *The Glad Tidings*, and the *Record* in every home. One thing for which my heart has been devoutly thankful has been for the one or more pure gold women who have been the nucleus of many a society.

From east to west I found in many Societies stress being laid upon giving according to God's own plan. During every session of the Council, I have been moved by the call to prayer from every department. If you have difficulties try the prayer solution. Build not on service but on spiritual revival. "I am convinced that the hope of the future is not in the Church multiplying her activities, but in purifying her heart. True effectiveness without must always spring from loving experience within. The thing of vital importance for the kingdom in this tremendous hour is the whole-hearted consecration of all believers, and that is begun continued and perfected in prayer.

A SCHOOL HOME TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SASKATOON

SINCE the Council meeting, a fine lot, fronting on the river, has been purchased and plans prepared for a new School Home to accommodate forty girls. The building is of frame with stucco finish outside. It is two storeys high and has a basement. The lot on which it is to be built allows ample accommodation for recreation grounds and garden. This Home is chiefly for high school girls.

Bible Reading

Jesus Saith:	I am the life.	John 14:6.
	I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.	John 10:10
	A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.	Luke 12:15.
	Life is more than meat.	Luke 12:23.
	* None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.	Rom. 14:7.
The Earnest Prayer:	Show me the path of life.	Ps. 16:11.
The Answer:	Christ is our life. Your life is hid with Christ in God.	Col. 3:4:3.
	In him we live.	Acts 17:28.
	If thou wilt enter into life keep the Com- mandments.	Matt. 19:17.
	If any man serve me, let him follow me.	John 12:26.
	Abide in me.	John 15:4.
	Love one another.	John 15:17.
	Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.	Acts 20:35.
		—Selected.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Hymn*—"Take Time to be Holy." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* page 230). *Bible Reading*.—Prayer changes things: Rom. 15:30; II. Cor. 1:11; Philemon 22; Coll. 4:12; Coll. 4:3. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call. Study Period.* Questions and answers on Chapter VI. *Offering. Hymn*.—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past." *Lord's Prayer* in unison.

1. Do you agree that prayer is a duty, a privilege, a challenge? p. 187.
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7. In what way does united prayer have more power than individual prayer? pp. 195, 197, 200.

8. How can we promote the prayer meeting? p. 300.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ONTARIO

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The Late Mrs. George R. Begg

In the sudden passing of the late Mrs. George R. Begg, on Friday, June 18th, at Preston Springs, the Ontario Provincial Board of the Presbyterian W.M.S. has sustained a very great loss, as she was one of its most valued officers.

Since her election to the Board, a year ago, she had endeared herself to all its members, by her kindly helpful spirit, so manifest in all her relationships with them and by her devotion to the work of her office as Assistant Corresponding Secretary, and to the missionary work of the Church. As a kind friend and an efficient officer she will be sadly missed.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterian for May reports \$210.35 sent to the Provincial Treasurer, a total of \$646.04 since January. Since organization in February, Jumbo Valley and Granum Auxiliary has sent in \$32. Goforth Y.W. Auxiliary, Knox Church, made \$80 for missionary work by a tea and novelty sale.

Mrs. Chas. Thorburn, Ottawa, President of the Ottawa Presbyterian, also President of the Canadian Council of Child Welfare, and of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club and Cor. Sec. of the National Council of Women, while in Edmonton after the Council meeting, was speaker at the evening service of Westmount Presbyterian Church, May 23rd.

Miss Bessie McMurchy, Corresponding Secretary of the Council, spoke the same evening at St. Andrew's, Edmonton. St. Andrew's M.B. have given a concert, closing the season's work. The W.M. Auxiliary last week held an old-fashioned quilting bee to work for Fort McMurray Hospital.

Prayer

O GOD, the source of all wisdom, grace and strength, who givest to all Thy children power to love and serve Thee, and speak the message of salvation to others, fill our hearts with love and gratitude for all Thou hast enabled us to do during the past year. By Thy good hand upon us, we have done great things in our Church and Women's Missionary Society. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake. Especially do we give Thee thanks and praise for the annual meeting of the Council, and for our dear fellow-workers. Even as the apostle, we give thanks to God on every remembrance of them. Their steadfastness and devotion, their love and self-sacrifice have cheered us in dark hours. Follow with Thy rich blessing all the meetings especially the prayer services, and may many a lonely heart be cheered, strengthened and uplifted by our prayers. Raise up young people who will offer for service saying, "Here am I, send me." And remember especially the sons and daughters of godly parents, let them not lapse into carelessness and indifference. O, our Father, with glad hearts we give Thee thanks for all the way by which Thou hast led us in the past year, and for all the blessing that has rested on our beloved Church and Society. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Amen.

MATERIAL HELD OVER

Articles, Letters, Provincial News, Programmes, Life Members and New Organizations have been held over in order to give our readers a complete account of the Council Meeting.

Form of Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., the sum of to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.

WHO WILL HELP?

It has been brought to our notice that four Ukrainian girls in Western Canada are anxious to take deaconess training. It has been suggested that perhaps interested individuals who have been in the habit of giving bursaries to institutions which are not now in our Church, might consider transferring these gifts to these and other young women who are anxious to fit themselves for service in our Church. From \$100 to \$200 would cover the expense of each student.

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May 31st, 1926

RECEIPTS

Puslinch, Valen's Sunday School	\$ 5.00
Collections at Council Meeting	120.20
Provincial Givings:	
British Columbia	700.00
Alberta	500.00
Ontario	6,000.00
Refund on Travelling Expenses	320.85

\$7,646.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Chinese Work in Canada.	\$	254.99
South China		633.33
India		650.00
Social Service		705.06
Hospital Work		165.00
South Porcupine Hospital		252.47
South Porcupine Hospital (Building)		151.21
Library		8.40
New Liskeard School Home		337.61
Student		42.00
Publications		440.26
Organization		200.00
Travelling Secretary		50.00
Orientalists in Canada		150.00
Administration		3,339.82

\$7,380.15

FINANCIAL SURVEY, MAY 31st, 1926

Credit Balance April 30th, 1926	\$73,720.59	
Receipts	7,646.05	
Disbursements		\$ 7,380.15
General Savings Account		50,000.00
Pension Fund		1,447.35
Sustaining Fund		11,854.38
Credit Balance		10,684.76

\$81,366.64 \$81,366.64

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“And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

THE MOSLEM WORLD HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE STUDY TOPIC for our Society for 1926-27. It promises to be an interesting subject. According to one writer: "Not since the Conqueror knocked at the gates of Constantinople with his sword, have such dynamic changes taken place in the Moslem world, as during the past year. The foundations of Islam as a religious faith have been shaken these last few months, as in no like period of time. Yet Islam remains more than ever a barrier to the advance of the Cross. No one who is interested in these changing events in world affairs can afford to miss the contact with the whole problem which a study of the text-books and supplementary reading gives. There never has been a time when there was greater need to keep well informed as to the situation in Moslem lands. The problems are difficult but not hopeless."

Moslem Women, is the title of the Auxiliary study book. It is written by A. E. and S. M. Zwemer, for many years missionaries in Moslem lands, and shows the real condition of women under Islam and the need for the ministry of the Church of Christ to these women. Price paper 60c., cloth 85c.

How to Use, a book of suggestions to use with *Moslem Women*, by A. E. and S. M. Zwemer, with its maps, general suggestions, reference material and programme outlines is a valuable asset in studying the text-book. Price 20c.

Young Islam on Trek, by Basil Matthews—for Intermediate study—is written for youth about youth. The differences between the outlook of youth in varying countries is a thrilling story; but of all the movements of youth in the world, none can surpass the trek of young Islam in importance and entrancing interest. The story carries us half way round the world and is full of color and movement. Price 75c. and \$1.00.

Mission Study Suggestions, for Canadian Girls in Training and other teen-age organizations using *Young Islam on Trek*, has been prepared by Miss Muriel Gray. Leaders and young people alike will find this book intensely interesting and helpful. Its outline programmes, discussions, suggested activities, dramatization of difficult chapters, and pageant will we know, prove a distinct contribution to our young people's work.

Two Young Arabs, by A. E. Zwemer—the text-book for Juniors—is a fascinating story of two young Moslems who start out to visit many Moslem shrines and find their way at last to Jerusalem and Nazareth. A

very interesting year's study is predicted for all who use this attractive book. Price 50c. and 75c.

How to Use Our Junior Text-Book.—A series of programmes and suggestions with dramatic ideas, by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, promises to be of great assistance to leaders. Price 20c.

Picture Sheets of Life in Moslem Lands, Boys and Girls in Bible Lands, Armenians and Syrians, Egypt and Modern Heroes of Bible Lands are also available. These are twelve-page folders containing pictures, each with a short description, and are useful in making posters and scrap books. Price 35c. *Cut out sheets.*—Moslem types—are also helpful. Price 10c.

The Burning Bush and Canada, by R. G. MacBeth, has been reprinted and put in more attractive form. It is a very readable book and can be used for study in the W.M.S., Y.P. Societies and Bible classes in our Church. There is need for this book at this juncture when the people are seeking to know more about the background and influence of the Presbyterian Church in history, and its record in Canada east and west, also a true account of the Church union situation historically considered. A special chapter is devoted to the organization of women for missions in Canada and other lands. No Presbyterian home should be without a copy.

The Home Test.—A Thank-offering story by Bennie Brae, (not Bonnie Brae as inadvertently appears on the cover) has a very timely message for the Thanksgiving season. For prices see page 263.

The Annual Report will be heralded with delight and should be a source of information and inspiration to our entire membership. We bespeak a kindly reception for this *record of six months' work*, and would ask that our readers be not over critical of inaccuracies or omissions. If these do occur, it is not because Secretaries have been careless, but because many officers were either unfamiliar with the work or found it difficult and, in some cases, impossible to obtain correct data.

Our readers will notice that the report contains no reference to the mission work which the unbroken Society maintained for the first half of 1925. The record of that work appears only in the Report of the United W.M.S. We would, however, draw the attention of our readers to the fact that, for that period, both as officers of the General Council and members at large of the Society, we took our full share both of the administration and support of that work.

The allocation of reports is the same as in former years: 3 to each Auxiliary and Y.W. Auxiliary, and 1 to each Associate Society, C.G.I.T. Group and Mission Band. Copies will also go to all our officers, missionaries, and the ministers of our Church. We feel that it is not too much to ask the Auxiliaries to devote one meeting at least, to the work of our W.M.S. as summarized in the 1925 report.

The Gwalior Journal—If you wish to keep in touch with the field

to which two of our missionaries have gone subscribe for this magazine. Price 50c. a year.

The Glad Tidings—The organ of our Society. In addition to all the varied matter which has been placed before us, let us not overlook our own magazine. Without it we would be in complete ignorance of our work and workers. For subscription price see page 263.

OUR OVERSEAS WORK has been greatly strengthened by the appointment of six new missionaries. The account of the designation of two—Miss F. Irene Stringer, of Lansdowne, Ont., and Miss Annie Lee Whatling, of Pointe Gatineau, Quebec, appears in this issue. Both these young women heard the call to mission work in early life, and have never let the note dim. Now, fully trained and with lives dedicated, they have set their faces towards Gwalior, India, their future field of service. On September 3rd they sail from Montreal on the *Ansonia* of the Cunard line, for London, and from thence to Bombay on the P. and O. steamer *Rampura*, on September 17th. As these young missionaries travel to a field large and remote let us surround them with our prayers.

For the Bhil field we have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Ruth Buchanan, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan. Miss Buchanan sailed for India July 15th, and is now at work at Amkhut. Her high educational qualifications, coupled with a knowledge of the language, make her not only a most valuable missionary but enable her to take up the work at once and thus free Miss Robson whose furlough is now due.

Miss Christina Maxwell, of the Miraj Mission, India, has also been appointed to this field temporarily, and began her work there on July 2nd. Miss Maxwell, who has spent almost two years at the mission at Miraj, already speaks Marathi and is now studying Hindi. Heretofore our W.M.S. has only been paying the salaries of our missionaries on this field, but from July 1st we have assumed the support of the school also.

To North Honan, where Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and Rev. Annan and Mrs. Riach are, we have appointed two workers, Miss Annie C. Cook and Miss Jean Graham. Miss Cook is a member of the Dutch Reformed Presbyterian Church of Holland and has been in China since 1918. Miss Cook's work will be that of an evangelist. Miss Graham is a New Zealand Presbyterian and has been eight and a half years in China.

The Council Executive has reason to be congratulated on securing four such well qualified missionaries; having the language their work can become immediately effective. Pictures of these workers will appear in a later issue.

In Formosa, Mrs. Bella Koa, known to our members as the daughter of the late Dr. George Leslie MacKay, has been added to our staff as a Bible woman. This makes the seventh overseas worker appointed.

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Turning to our national missions we find that they too have had important additions to staff. In the Chinese work, Miss Gertrude Lawrence, for many years a teacher at the Indian school at Ucluelet, B.C., has been appointed to Chinese work in Vancouver, her duties to begin August 29th, and Miss Scott, a trained kindergartener and musician goes to our Chinese mission in Victoria. Under the Welcome and Welfare department are two new part-time workers: Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess at large in Vancouver, and Miss Munro who has been assisting Miss MacArthur at Montreal.

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In connection with our Young People's work, we are delighted to report the appointment of Miss Edith A. Sinclair of Harriston, as Girls' Work Secretary. Miss Sinclair will carry out the W.M.S. policy of intensive work and will begin her duties on September 1st in Ontario. We have long wished to have field workers in each province who would have regard for C.G.I.T. and Young People's work, and our desire is about to be realized. Beginning this autumn, the following young women are going out to do field work among the young people: Miss Violet Scott, formerly of our staff at Sifton, Man., goes to Saskatchewan; Miss Laura Pelton, who gave such splendid service in British Columbia early in the year, will go to Alberta, and Miss P. Lamont, who has just completed a successful itinerary in Manitoba, will probably go to Quebec.

THE MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS TRAINING HOME has moved to larger quarters at 104 Bedford Road, Toronto. The house is nicely furnished and will accommodate about twelve students. A number of applications have been received. Classes begin concurrently with the opening of Knox College, September 28th. Realizing the great distances in Canada, the Assembly's Committee has ruled that any candidate living beyond a radius of two hundred miles from Toronto will have her railway fare paid to and from the Home.

Send for the new prospectus to Rev. J. A. Hiltz, Davenport Road Presbyterian Church, cor. Davenport Road and Delaware Ave., Toronto 4.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER SCHOOL was held at Knox College, Toronto, July 5th-12th. The students who numbered almost sixty were drawn from points bounded by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. Sunday School teachers, missionary workers and young people training for leadership were in attendance. Special courses to suit different needs

were provided, those on missions being given by Rev. D. E. MacDonald, of India, those on W.M.S. work, by Mrs. McKerroll and Mrs. Strachan.

FIFTY YEARS AGO THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (E.D.) OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA was organized in Halifax, and on September 22 and 23, the Jubilee celebration will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Grafton Street, of the same city. From a comparatively small meeting of women actuated by a spirit of earnestness, zeal and devotion has grown a Society of worthy proportions, with a record of work for Christ and His Church at home and abroad of which they have no reason to be ashamed. In extending our congratulations we would express the hope that God's richest blessing may rest on the Jubilee celebration and on the work of the Society in the years to come.

DR. WILKIE OF GWALIOR, INDIA, tells an interesting story of his first convert, Peetam. This man had two children both of whom were sent to the school at Gwalior to be educated. The boy, Joseph, was afterwards sent to the medical college and obtained the rank of assistant-surgeon. That young man is now the trusted medical adviser of the Begum or Queen of Bhopal, a Mohammedan state of Central India, about eighty miles east of Indore and about two hundred miles south of Jhansi. Though a Christian of a very pronounced type who takes part in the Christian service every Sabbath he is still in that Mohammedan city recognized as one of the Begum's most trusted advisers, and is a very great influence for all that is good. The other child, a girl, is married to a Christian worker in another mission and is there seeking to do what she can in the interests of the work.

THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 14th, at 10 o'clock in Knox College Board room.

AN EPILOGUE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven—"A child and his Father."
Hallowed be Thy Name—"A worshipper and his God."
Thy Kingdom Come—"A subject and his King."
Thy will be done—"A servant and his Sovereign."
Give us this day our daily bread—"A beggar and his Benefactor."
Forgive us our debts—"A sinner and his Saviour."
Lead us not into temptation—"A pilgrim and his Guide."
But deliver us from evil—"A captive and his Deliverer."

—Rev. Geo. L. Robinson, D.D.

Our Substitutes

“THEY are not only Christ’s missionaries, they are ours. The commission comes to us all—to the whole body. All cannot go. These have volunteered. We feel toward them as we did toward the men in the trenches; they are our substitutes. This is only part of our incentive to pray for them. Christ’s kingdom advances as they are efficient or weak. The unprivileged peoples to whom they minister will be blessed or unblessed as they are faithful or halting in their service. By our loyalty to Christ; by our pity for the nations, by our love for these—the pick and flower of all Christ’s reserves—let us learn to pray unceasingly for them. If our hearts are cold and dull, let us hold ourselves to this generous task, learn all we can about them, support them with our gifts of joyful sacrifice, cast in our lot with them, make their work our own, till dullness is changed to passion. Be sure He who sent them will not miss one word or cry of our prayer.”

MISS ANNIE LEE WHATLING

SOLEMNLY beautiful and impressive and characterized by the simple dignity inherent in the Presbyterian Church, was the service held in St. Andrew’s Church, Ottawa, on the evening of July 28th, when Miss Annie Lee Whatling, of West Templeton, was set apart by the Ottawa Presbytery, for service in India. Rev. Wm. Williams, Hawkesbury, acting Moderator, presided, and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Boughton.

Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, read letters wishing the missionary elect greeting and God speed from Mrs. McKerroll, President of the Council, Mrs. Milne, President of Ontario Provincial, and Mrs. McMurich, Secretary for India. Mrs. W. M. Dunlop, President of St. Andrew’s Auxiliary, presented Miss Whatling with a beautiful Bible on behalf of the Council. Mrs. Thorburn brought greetings from Ottawa Presbyterial and outlined Miss Whatling’s determination to become a missionary and her wishes always to go under the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Mr. Williams gave the charge and as the vows were taken by the out-going missionary, the audience, which packed the rooms to capacity, stood in reverence.

Rev. Hugh Cameron addressed Miss Whatling, after which the newly designated missionary spoke briefly, saying that on his deathbed, when she was but three years of age, her father had dedicated her to foreign work. Rev. Harry Lennox, then addressed the congregation. Rev. Wm. Williams closed the beautiful service with the benediction.

Miss Whatling sails on September 3rd, for Gwalior, India.

Dedicated to Missionary Work in India

MISS F. IRENE STRINGER



MISS ANNIE LEE WHATLING

MISS F. IRENE STRINGER

AN INTERESTING and impressive ceremony took place in Lansdowne, on August 12th, when Miss F. Irene Stringer, of Lansdowne, was designated as a missionary to the Gwalior mission field in India, operated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under Dr. Wilkie.

Mr. G. Lloyd Fulford, student pastor of the Lansdowne Church, conducted the opening services before a gathering which taxed the sacred edifice to its capacity. Rev. A. D. Fraser, of West Port, Moderator of the Presbytery, conducted the designation service. Rev. A. H. Barker, of Cardinal, preached the sermon. Mrs. James S. Riddell, of Pittston, President of the Brockville Presbyterial, on behalf of the W.M.S. Council, presented Miss Stringer with an address and a Bible. Mrs. Robert Armour, of Brockville, Vice-President, presented her with a beautiful wrist watch on behalf of the Presbyterial and Mrs. J. D. Darling, of Lansdowne, on behalf of the local Auxiliary of the W.M.S. presented her with a camera.

Greetings from Mrs. McKerroll, President of Council, from Mrs. J. A. Milne, of Toronto, President of Ontario Provincial, and from Prescott, Morrisburg and Morewood Auxiliaries were read. Miss Stringer expects to leave September 1st for her field of labor and is the first woman to be appointed as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church since June 10th, 1925. Dr. Beatty, of India, a returned missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was present.

A Place For Me

"TAKE me, O God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide, like a wide sea;
The gatherers are few, I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss, Oh find a place for me!
A place where best the strength I have will tell;
It may be one the other toilers shun;
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well,
So that the work it holds be only done."

—Christina Rossetti.

What Supporting a Missionary Means

The following article shows the way in which a missionary society regards the intimate association engendered by "owning" a missionary—supporting her, writing to her, keeping in close touch with her.

"I HAVE always loved the very personal interest that you have and keep in your missionaries and I feel proud to be chosen one of your daughters!"

What may be the reaction upon a society in which a newly appointed missionary is thus proud to be chosen "a daughter!"

A family basis has been established. A family spirit bespeaks love, interest, gifts, support, prayers for one another. The missionary is brought out from a large unknown group and becomes an identified individual with a name in your family.

Interest in and love for our friend develops an appreciation of her particular type of work and the people among who she is serving. They become "our" people, too; we learn something of their life, their need, their hope; we are better able to rejoice in their progress since we realize something of the difficulties met and overcome.

Gifts of love are sent not only to "our" missionary personally but to her for distribution among those around her—bringing to them a realization that others, unseen and unknown by them, stand back of one they do know in loving service; also placing upon those at home a truer sense of brotherhood.

In no way is the interest of the "uninterested woman" more quickly awakened than in meeting "our" missionary. Arrange it so that she may meet her socially in your home, as a guest at your club; thus she will find that the missionary is a woman like unto herself in birth, education, attainments, and although she has "chosen the better part," a life of service, she is still human. Individuals unacquainted

with missions in general have assumed the support of one on the field because of this contact or a particular knowledge of the field itself.

Support? What Presbyterian society dares assume the responsibility of failing to meet its apportionment when it means the withholding of support from "a daughter" who has gone out from one of its own churches?

You cannot forget the intimate relationships formed through the personal letter. You can then rejoice with the missionaries in their happiness upon entering the new home; in the daily life of the children in that home; in their city calls and their country visits; in their Bible classes and their wayside ministries.

This brings the prayer group—"all one family, we." You do not then pray for "that missionary in some far distant land"; you pray by name for members of your own family circle, for the things you know they need, either for themselves or their people. When some day you learn that your name is on the prayer list of some consecrated native Christian, the bond of fellowship is complete.

Why should a society have its own missionaries? Why do you love your own family best? The affectionate choosing of "a daughter" incites a keener interest and promotes a deeper loyalty in all missionary activities; it establishes a heart-felt sympathy and love for all those serving in your stead and a joy that you, too, have a share in the carrying out of the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

—*Women and Missions.*

On Furlough

BY CATHERINE CULMAN

*You think them here, but they are far away.
Their spirits walk dim trails or desert
sands;
Their hands reach back to touch the trusting
hands
Of those who looked to them to point The
Way.*

*You think them here! Oh, then you do not
know
The challenge, and the burning inner fire
That turns them back—to labor with desire
For Him who said not only "Come" but
"Go".*

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The Canadian Girls in Training Programme

A Restatement

MISS EDITH A. SINCLAIR

A FEW years ago, those interested in teen age girls realized that something had to be done to hold our girls in our Churches, and Sunday Schools. Finally, the Canadian Girls in Training programme was evolved and, up to the present, is considered by many to be the programme best suited to meet the varied needs of this difficult but interesting age. It has been recognized and approved by the Anglican, United, Disciples, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in Canada, and the Young Women's Christian Association.

If we could take a bird's eye view of our Sunday Schools in Canada at the present time, how many distracted and disheartened teachers would we see facing classes of girls just entering the teen age? It is to such teachers, and to all interested in our girls that we tell again the story of our programme.

Like the small child who couldn't see the procession for the crowd and cried: "Lift me up that I may see," so our girls are calling to mothers, teachers, older girls and friends, "Lift me up that I may see!" Life is crowding them, and from twelve to eighteen they need the wisest, most sympathetic counsel and guidance. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," and it is only by bringing them to a knowledge and love of their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, that we can truly help them to find their way—"The Way."

In Luke 2:52, we read: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man," and our Canadian Girls in Training programme takes this verse for its ideal. To become the girls God intended us to be, we must grow intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially—beautiful "Queens."

"King's Daughter!

Wouldst thou be all fair

Without—within

Peerless and beautiful,

A very Queen?

Know then:

Not as men build unto the Silent

One,

But in the inmost shrine

Must thou begin,

And build with care

A Holy Place,

A place unseen,

Each stone a prayer.

Then having built,

Thy shrine sweep bare

Of self and sin,

And all that might demean;

And with endeavour

Watching ever, praying ever,

Keep it fragrant, sweet, and clean,

So by God's grace, it be fit place,

His Christ shall enter and shall

dwell therein."

When the girls of the Sunday School class and their teacher decide that they want to follow Jesus and "The Way" they are ready to organize a C.G.I.T. Group.

The fourfold idea is forcibly summed up in the challenges "Seek Truth", "Cherish Health", "Know God", and "Serve Others", and so through the Sunday services, daily Bible study and prayer, and mid-week meetings, the programme aims to develop the girl into the girl God intended her to be, "To follow ever upward life's high quest and find, through knowing God, her very best."

*An Outline of Four Typical C.G.I.T. Meetings After the
Organization Meeting*

I. INTELLECTUAL MEETING.

1. Business period: Opening exercises hymn and prayer.
10 minutes Secretary's report, committee reports.
Old and new business.
2. Devotional period: Hymn, "Holy Night."
10 minutes Bible reading, "The Birth of Jesus," Matt. 2;
Luke 2:1-20.
Picture study, the nativity, etc.
Prayer, by leader.
3. Talk: "The appreciation of art," by a high school
10-20 minutes teacher or artist.
4. Activity: Picture study and test.
30 minutes One group game.
TAPS.

II. PHYSICAL MEETING.

1. Business. Hymn, "Come let us Sing."
2. Devotional: Lesson: "The boy Jesus," Luke 2:41-52.
Picture study, "Jesus in the temple."
Sentence prayers.
3. Talk: Health talk, "How to be beautiful," by a doc-
tor, nurse, or any good, healthy, sane person.
This might be the first in a short home
nursing course.
4. Activity: Setting up exercises.
30 minutes Sing song.
TAPS.

III. DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

1. Business. "Jesus begins His ministry," Mark 1:10-22.
2. Devotional: Hymn, "Jesus Calls us,"
Learn first verse.
Prayer by leader.
3. Talk: "Discipleship," etc., by the minister.
4. Activity: Learn names of disciples.
Bible hunt.
TAPS.

IV. SOCIAL MEETING.

1. Business.
2. Devotional: Bible reading and learn Matt. 28:19-20;
Mark 16:14-20.
Hymn, "We've a story to tell to the nations."
3. Talk: First lesson on the Moslem world, by the leader.
4. Activity: Mount Perry pictures used in picture study to
send to a mission school.

TAPS.

One of the criticisms hurled against our programme is that it is overburdening our teen age girls. We feel that too much is demanded of the girl's time and strength. Now-a-days the high schools have their social affairs; the community their dances and card parties, etc., and if the girls have a Church meeting, it means three or four nights a week out of the home. The C.G.I.T. programme rightly understood and followed by the girls helps them to *choose* what they should to develop four square.

Another criticism is that our girls are taken out of the home too much. This would not be necessary were it not for the bare fact that religious instruction, and moral training is sadly lacking in many homes. For one child who does not need the advantages of the C.G.I.T., there are a dozen who do. Having the meetings in the homes as often as possible helps to overcome this criticism, and also to secure the interest and co-operation of the parents.

Again we hear some say "Too many organizations." The C.G.I.T. Group is not an extra. It is a stepping stone. Girls of twelve to thirteen should graduate from the Mission Band into C.G.I.T. Groups; and girls of eighteen and nineteen should graduate from C.G.I.T. into the Young Women's Auxiliary, Young Ladies' Class, Christian Endeavor or Young People's Society.

The problem of "group-isolation" can be overcome by having occasional meetings with the Tuxis boys; and with all the young people of the Church once in every two or three months.

Having established a high ideal much is expected of our C.G.I.T. Groups; but all must recognize the fact that the home, and the community are strong factors in helping or hindering the girls to live up to their C.G.I.T. code. Our programme aims to bring the home, school and community into closer co-operation to meet their needs.

Before passing an opinion on the C.G.I.T. programme, will you prayerfully and sympathetically study the needs of the girls in your community, their home influences, and environment? Will you think yourself back to their age, and your longings at that period? Then read the "Manual for Leaders" and decide to interest others in our programme for all girls in Canada.

A Morning Prayer

MY HEAVENLY FATHER, give me sustaining courage, fortitude, fidelity, and purity of thought to strengthen and control my life this day! Let me not turn coward before its difficulties, nor prove recreant to its duties! Let me not lose faith in my fellowmen! Help me to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling thoughts of discontent, self-seeking and anxiety; cultivating magnanimity, self-control, and the habit of judicious silence; practising economy, cheerfulness, and helpfulness! Keep me sweet and sound at heart in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness! Preserve me, O God, from minding little stings; or giving them! Help me keep my heart clean and live this day so honestly and fearlessly in the faith and sustaining companionship of Jesus Christ that no outward failure can dishearten, or take away from me the joy of conscious integrity! Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see the good in all things! Grant me this day new visions of Thy truth, inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness, and make me a cup of strength to suffering souls! O God, I am asking for so much I cannot do in my own strength, or even attempt it with a hope for success, and I implore through Jesus Christ the gift of the Holy Spirit to abide with and constantly help and keep me! Amen.

—HENRY B. RANKIN, in the *Record of Christian Work*.

Here and There in Manitoba

REPORT OF OUR FIELD WORKER, MISS P. LAMONT

BETWEEN May 27th and June 11th I addressed ten meetings, four of them being Sunday services. One of these was in charge of the W.M.S. and was held in a school house three miles from their Church, and it was full to overflowing. This splendid band of W.M.S. women, only fifteen in number, arrange for the Sunday evening service once a month in addition to their own regular meeting.

Another interesting thing I found there was a Home Helper department in the Mission Band. The little Home Helper Secretary, a bright eyed wee lassie, announced with pride "They each have a mite box, and we take them literature." Her mother told me that they had succeeded in interesting several mothers by enrolling their babies. At Carberry they

have not had a minister for over a year, but one had arrived and prospects are bright for them. I addressed the Mission Band at Wellwood in the afternoon and the W.M.S. Thank-offering at night. The Mission Band is worthy of note. Wellwood is a small country place with a community school to which the children are brought in vans from the country. An arrangement has been made whereby the Mission Band meets one afternoon a month after school closes. They have fifty-seven girls and fifty-seven boys enrolled. For Band work they have them divided into three groups, all below ten being in one group, then the older boys and girls in separate groups. There were one hundred and twenty-five at the meeting as the senior girls came too. A splendid work is being done there. I addressed two C.G.I.T. Groups and one Young People's Group in Brandon. At Holmfild I organized a Mission Band and got the Ladies' Aid at Elva and Holmfild to take up W.M.S. work.

Everywhere I have gone I have received a very cordial reception, and find the people just hungering for information and inspiration. Small groups are bravely holding fast and are undertaking big tasks.

Optimism, courage and a determination to remain steadfast to the faith of their fathers are characteristics which mark the Presbyterians of Manitoba—especially those who have lost their Church.

OUR LETTER BOX

South Porcupine.

"Seventy-seven patients in a little over four months is a very big record for a small hospital, and certainly proves that no mistake was made when the W.M.S. placed it here. The Council has been most generous. They granted the sum of \$2,300.00 to cover the cost of the double roof, a double verandah on the west side, enclosed with glass and storm windows, and three coats of outside paint. When one of the doctors heard what the Council had granted he said: "Well, it just shows that when there is efficient work done it is appreciated and willingly supported."

We have had a very busy month, eight operations—the big goitre an appendix, two tonsilitis, etc., and one maternity; all did well. We are more than proud of our goitre case. The patient already looks ten or fifteen years younger. She says we will have dozens to do when people see how well she is. Well, we are quite ready. They will be a change from appendix, I am getting tired of them.

The work on the verandah goes on well. It certainly will improve the outside appearance of the hospital and be very useful. The double roof has made a great difference in the upstairs part of the house. I

don't think we could possibly have operated during the great heat, had it not been put on. It was almost unbearable last week."

—Miss A. E. Chambers.

Fort McMurray.

"We have neither gas nor electricity. We burn coal oil and gasoline lamps. A friend loaned me one of the latter and it brightens the place up beautifully. We scarcely need lamps on these light evenings.

There is what we call a circulating library. The post-office and general store, for instance, have books sent in and we may borrow as we choose. I have not had occasion to do so as I brought a few nice books with me and I have the papers which we get just once a week. I find I have little time for reading. The population numbers about four hundred.

—Miss Olive Ross.

Montreal

"I had a glorious time last Sunday evening with a party of Presbyterians. They came out under the British Settlement Association and were wearing Presbyterian blue badges such as we wore last year in Toronto, but with no lettering. I had not heard they were coming, but asked some of them about their ribbons. There were several children in the party, and I gave them scrap books, puzzles, etc., and the mothers wash cloths and soap. The families were going West, but a few men were remaining in Ontario."

—Miss Lily MacArthur.

New Liskeard, June 26th.

"The first form girls got through with their examinations and went home a week ago. The two third form girls who were writing this week, got through and went home yesterday. Three of the first form have to write on the Departmental. Emily Haughton, Katherine McLean, Ellenor Morrison and Dan, got through on their year's work without having to write the Departmental examinations which, I think, is a pretty good showing, as only seven or eight out of the class of forty got through.

We have a good garden. We also have the chickens. The little chickens are the gift of the children. It was part of their school work to run the incubator and take eggs for it. They all gave their chickens to the Home instead of taking them to their own homes. Their garden plots will be inspected, and they will be given credit for them in their school work next year. The few hens we have laid sixty dozen eggs since January to date. That has been a good contribution to the health of the children.

The children are all learning the shorter catechism. Ellenor Morrison, Katherine McLean and Emily Haughton have repeated all the questions correctly.”

—Miss McIlwaine.

North Bay.

“From May 26th most of my time has been spent in North Bay. I have visited in about seventy homes. When there was illness I have called several times. I have also visited the Presbyterian patients in the hospital. On June 23rd I addressed a meeting of women at Burk’s Falls. They hope to organize a W.M.S. in the fall. At Magnetawan I addressed a joint meeting of the W.M.S. and Mission Band, there were about twenty-five present.”

—Miss F. Annie Whitby,

Deaconess at large.

Amkhut, India.

“We opened our school again this week, for the new term, with an unusually large attendance for the beginning of the rainy season. Of our sixth class this year only four passed, two boys and two girls. One boy is going on in the state school at Alirajpur, and the other wants to go to Nadiad to learn motor mechanics and driving. With the extension of good roads in this state, motors will be much more useful in the future, so Stephen goes to Nadiad next week. The two girls would like to go on to the seventh class beginning this year in Rutlam, so I have written to see if they will take them in. We must have our own school extended in the near future to include classes VII. and VIII.”

Miss Bertha W. Robson.

Kikungshan, S. Honan.

“The journey by ocean to Honolulu was very quiet and very enjoyable. We had language study each day with the young people and so the days passed quietly. But after we left Honolulu the sea gradually became heavier and for the last five days before we reached Yokohama we passed through angry foaming billows. The *Korea Maru* was a wonderful sailor. She scarcely rolled at all but the pitching was awful and no wonder in such a sea. Oh, how glad we were to reach port, though our first day’s experience there was far from pleasant.

The *Korea Maru* was being sold to a new company so all the passengers for Shanghai had to be transferred to another boat. We had hoped to get in in time to catch the *Russia* but as we sailed in she sailed out. That night we all had to stay on board and were told we would be taken over to the large French liner the next day after breakfast. The next day we found everything literally torn up, the heat was turned off, all doors opened, cushions, chairs, etc., piled every-

where, the dining room dismantled, etc. The men of our party and others did their best to hasten matters, but it was like beating one's head against a stone wall. There we had to stand around all day until five o'clock! Then I just went to the purser and spoke out plainly. He at first declared nothing could be done, but I insisted that at least the women and children be allowed to go on to the French liner. At first it seemed I too had failed but in about fifteen minutes word came for us all to go.

This beautiful French liner is like a palace. We have a beautiful state-room. The only trouble now is that the food is just what I should not take. The result is I have again got seriously upset. So I am now going to keep to tinned milk and boiled rice, till we get to the Missionary Home at Shanghai.

We have just come into Kobe Harbor. It is such a lovely day and we have every prospect of a fair journey to Shanghai where we hope to reach in two days from now.

News from China makes us rather uneasy as to whether we can get to either Kikungshan or Peking. The Lord is certainly leading us one step at a time. We can safely leave the future with Him."

—Mrs. Goforth.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"MOSLEM WOMEN"

THE study of the Moslem world offers to all leaders a tremendous opportunity. The following statement from the Jerusalem conference sums up the vital need of this study: "A Moslem world undergoing such varied, such extensive, such profound and such momentous changes is of supreme interest and concern to all Christendom. The attention of Christians is to-day riveted on Islam as at no time since Moslem invasion of Europe. Seven out of eight Moslems live under flags of Christian nations. The threatened and impending disintegration of Islam calls for an adequate substitute. Only Christ and His programme can meet the need."

To the Leaders:

The faithfulness of Moslems in response to their "call to prayer" is a lesson to Christians. It is our earnest hope that every one who uses *Moslem Women* will form the habit of daily prayer for the Moslem work. Think what it would mean to the missionaries; to the converts who are suffering persecution; to secret believers; to the future of the Moslem work if every society would daily observe noon-time prayer for Moslems. It is your privilege and opportunity as a leader to sound this *Christian Call to Prayer* for your members:

Sunday.—For all missionaries to Moslems.

Monday.—For all converts who are enduring persecution.

Tuesday.—For all secret believers that they may be given courage.

Wednesday.—For the boys and girls in mission schools.

Thursday.—For the doctors and nurses in medical work.

Friday.—For the evangelists.

Saturday.—For all Moslem women who are seeking that they may find true freedom in Christ Jesus our Lord.—*Gertrude Schultz.*

Let the September meeting be set apart for organizing your forces, getting acquainted, deciding on the study for the session and how best to prepare for it; developing an attitude of co-operation and establishing the right spiritual atmosphere.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for September

OUR last year's study book, *Brave Adventurers*, has been fully appreciated, and we are happy to recommend now a book that is quite unique, *Two Young Arabs*. Its study will introduce our boys and girls to the children in new lands, viz., Arabia, Persia, Egypt, North Africa, and the Holy Land, while they will renew their acquaintance with those in India.

Every boy and girl loves a journey programme, and we would suggest that, as far as possible, our Bands accompany Jameel & Noorah on their pilgrimage, with their father, Abu Jameel, to Mecca and other interesting places. For this imaginary trip a good sized map of Asia will be found helpful—almost indispensable—but if not available the map in the book might be enlarged by one of the seniors, filling in the names of the bodies of water and other points of interest on the line of route travelled in those far-off Moslem lands. From Quebec Province, across Canada to the Pacific Coast, on to Arabia to join the two young Arabs, would be a good map-talk introduction.

In visiting a different country each month, learning of its peoples; their customs and modes of travel, and following each mile of the journey on the map will surely prove a fascinating programme. Review day will be a delightful meeting to leaders and Band members. We would suggest that the first three chapters, where possible, be the review for January, and that the children take charge of the programme—under direction of course.

The keynote to be struck in our study should be sympathy, and we believe that as Canadian boys and girls travel with the Arab brother and sister in those far-away lands, realize the sadness of the people's lives and religious beliefs, so different from their own, they will become interested

and then sympathetic. Then they will be eager to help those boys and girls who will never find peace and happiness until they hear the story of Jesus and His love.

Opening hymn—"Whither Pilgrims Are You Going?" *Bible lesson*—Genesis 21:12-21. *Prayer*, (remembering especially the eighty million Moslem children for whom Jesus died). *Hymn*—"Around the Throne of God." *Roll Call. Minutes. Business. Study for the day*—Two young Arabs in their own land. *Offering. Prayer:*

Dear Father, bless our pennies
They'll travel many miles
To carry the gospel story
To continent and isles.

Closing hymn—"God of Heaven Hear Our Singing." The Lord's Prayer or a sentence such as Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing. Amen.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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REV. DR. A. S. GRANT, in Edmonton last week, when asked for a message for *The News Bulletin*, gave this:

The policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is to follow her own people with her message. The right of self-determination in matters religious belong as much to the Presbyterians in the sparsely settled districts, as to those in the towns. People in little places are just as conscientious about the matter as are those in cities; and the Church is making provision to meet their needs. The church will not abandon her people. In the scattered places she will gather them together, and have their names enrolled as members of the Presbyterian Church. Then, the next step after the care of organized congregations will be itinerant missionaries who will minister to these scattered people. Some already are at work.

Provision is being made to raise a fund for the purpose of assisting congregations who have lost their property, to build new churches. This fund already is beginning to operate, and to it the W.M.S. has made a generous contribution.

The Presbyterian Church now has the largest home mission field in its history, and as well, has established foreign work, in Gwalior and the Bhil field, India, and in China, under Dr. Goforth.

One hundred and sixty ministers have been settled, and 140 student-missionaries are at work. The Church has met every demand for supply that was made, 200 being arranged on a given Sabbath, from a given point. Never have larger mission contributions been made; and the en-

thusiasm abroad is wonderful. Many groups are stronger than before the break, but every ounce of energy and devotion must be used if we are to make use of our opportunities. We want to get back to the Book, and the family altar; to cut out the Church union business, and preach the Gospel. The world is large enough for all.

Notes.—Lethbridge Auxiliary reports a fine paper on John Knox, read at their meeting. This paper is being sent in for exchange.

Vermilion Auxiliary held a social meeting in May with 16 present, eight being visitors. The offering was \$4, and \$12 was made by sale of work.

Stratheona Auxiliary, Edmonton, presented Mrs. John McRitchie with a Life Membership and pin, and gave \$5 to the M.B. for a Junior Life Membership.

St. John's W.M. Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, had an Easter tea, adding substantially to the funds. An active Mission Band, membership of 27, holds both work and study meetings, monthly.

Edmonton Presbyterial has decided to start a Costume Bureau, Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird to be in charge of the costumes when ready. Each M.B. leader is asked to have her members make a costume to represent a country connected with missionary work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE month of April proved interesting to the C.G.I.T. Groups of Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. A missionary project on India was carried out by the individual Groups, each having as their climax affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society.

The missionary zeal is not abating in British Columbia and we are finding plenty of calls for work.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary in Creston reports ten members with an average attendance of seven, a most harmonious feeling prevails, and, as in nearly all places, a marked earnestness and zeal is shown. The allocation for hospital supply is ready and is valued at \$12.00 Both the Mission Band and Boys' "Standfast Club" are doing splendid work. The boys being very interested, having their mite boxes, as well as the girls. The *Glad Tidings* is taken by ten families, who pass it on to others. The meetings are all looked forward to, most eagerly, by the members. The regular meeting in February was withdrawn, and Miss Pelton addressed an open meeting at the Sunday morning service.

Victoria P.S.—A large and representative gathering was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, under the auspices of the Victoria Presbyterial, Dr. Clay presiding.

The audience was pleased to have Dr. Rochester of the Lord's Day Alliance with them. He expressed his great interest in the subject of the meeting and extended his hearty congratulations to the Women's Missionary Society upon the great work accomplished.

Mrs. McIntosh, Presbyterian President, introduced Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor of Vancouver, who for several years, was a member of the Council Executive, Toronto. Mrs. Taylor spoke of how the recent Church question had divided the Society, of the calling out of those who were prepared to remain true to the Presbyterian standards, and of the foundation in prayer of the Presbyterian W.M.S. as it now stands.

The importance of the work undertaken in Canada, covering hospitals and schools, also work among Chinese and Indians was dwelt upon. In China and India many workers are laboring under the Presbyterian banner. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Dr. McBean, Dr. Wilkie, Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and others.

In six months more than \$100,000 was poured into the treasury by an earnest and loyal people.

Mrs. Taylor spoke of the call to service of young men and women, and stressed the value of the spoken personal message under Divine guidance. At the close, Miss Gertrude Scott, on behalf of the Victoria Presbyterian, presented Mrs. Taylor with a bouquet of roses. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Longfield.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held April 8th at Mrs. McIntosh's home. Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor was present and joined in the discussions, throwing light on many of the problems.

At the Presbyterian Executive meeting held on April 8th at the home of the President, Mrs. McIntosh, a pleasing event took place when Mrs. MacQueen, in the name of the Chinese Presbyterian W.M.S. handed their gift to the Supply Secretary, which was a full outfit for a baby, beautifully made, intended for the hospital supply work of our W.M.S. Keen appreciation was expressed and a letter of thanks sent to the Chinese women.

Kootenay P.S.—Knox Church W.M.S., Cranbrook, is making splendid progress, the membership being greater than before June 10, 1925. The meetings are well attended and marked enthusiasm and interest are shown in the work.

Miss Pelton's visit, in February, was much appreciated. She addressed a large congregation on Sunday, and spoke to the Mission Band and members of the Christian Endeavor on Monday. These addresses were greatly enjoyed by all, and it is felt that Miss Pelton is doing a work of inestimable value in the Church.

The annual Easter open meeting was unique in that the programme

was given entirely by the young people, viz., the C.G.I.T. Group and the Tuxis Boys under the direction of Mrs. P. Dow, the C.G.I.T. leader. The programme consisted of a chorus by the C.G.I.T., a missionary sketch by a number of girls and boys entitled "Canada holds the spoon", well rendered, solos by two of the young ladies, a splendid paper on the Gwalior Mission by Miss Marian McKinnon and a piano duet by two members of the C.G.I.T.

The Easter offering which was over \$60.00 included a Life Membership to Mrs. Malcolm Gillis, the faithful Supply Secretary, presented by the members of Knox Church Auxiliary who are hoping by the end of the year to go over the top in their objective for missions.

Cranbrook holds the banner place for membership in W.M.S. in the province.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Brandon. Mrs. John A. McDonald, Brandon, Presbyterian President, occupied the chair. Seventy-five out of town delegates were present from Carberry, Portage la Prairie, Hartney, Neepawa, Melita, Forrest, Elphinstone, Ninga, Wellwood, Breadalbane and Bird Tail Reserve. Most encouraging reports from conveners of committees and thirteen Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were received. Since last September the total amount of money raised in this Presbyterian was \$1,625. The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Kirkland, of Neepawa. The Provincial Presbyterian President, Mrs. Hutchison, of Winnipeg, brought greetings. An interesting report of the Saskatoon meeting was given by Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Brandon. Mrs. R. A. Hamlin and Mrs. H. H. Leybourne, of Forrest, had charge of the Mission Band hour. A large number from different Mission Bands were present and charmed the audience with their programme. The great need of more religion in the home and of a family altar was urged by Mrs. J. J. Cowan, Brandon. Miss Lamont, the new Field Secretary, was received by the Presbyterian. The Rev. R. Paterson, Moderator, gave an address at the evening meeting. The members of the Presbyterian felt highly honored and deeply indebted to Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, President of the Council, for her kindness in staying over to speak to them. Her addresses so full of hope and cheer left a deep impression.

Rev. Chas. S. Oke of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, brought a helpful message and greeting from the Presbytery. All the officers were re-elected. Their names and addresses will be found in the Report.

ONTARIO

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND P. S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held on May 11th in Knox Church, Walkerton, with the President, Mrs. Reith, presiding. Upwards of 300 delegates representing the 12 Auxiliaries of Bruce and 5 of Owen Sound were present.

Total contributions for six months ending December 31st, were \$1,559.50. A splendid report of the Provincial annual meeting was given by Mrs. D. MacGillivray of Paisley. Mr. Storey of South America said it was impossible to describe conditions in that country only one missionary to 196,000 people.

The leading address was given by Mrs. H. R. Horne of Toronto.

Glengarry P.S.—In St. John's Church, Cornwall, on May 27, one hundred and eighty-four enthusiastic delegates from this Presbyterial registered for their twelfth annual meeting. The President, Mrs. McMillan of Quick, presided. The reports from Secretaries were excellent, and showed increase in nearly all departments. Miss Dickson of South China gave two splendid addresses, Mrs. MacIntyre of Woodlands brought the Provincial report and the President reported the meeting of the Council in Saskatoon. At the evening meeting Rev. W. A. Reid, D.D., of Montreal, inspired all who heard him as he spoke on the "Call of Jesus."

Chatham P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in Mount Zion Church, Ridgeway, on May 11th and 12th, about 125 delegates registered.

Reports of departmental Secretaries showed increased activities and a most promising outlook.

Greetings were received from sister societies, and Dr. Barnett brought kindly word from the Presbytery.

Miss Gowans of the American Presbyterian Mission told thrillingly of thirty years spent in Peking, and a very searching address was given by Rev. Mr. Lane on "The Price of the Best."

A pageant by eight members of Mount Zion Young Women's Auxiliary, depicting from Greenland's icy mountains, was much enjoyed. List of officers will appear in the annual report.

Guelph P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Galt, on May 13, and was a great success. The meetings were presided over by the President, Miss McLellan of Guelph, who gave a very bright address dealing with the outlook for our W.M.S.

The Secretaries all reported work being well re-established. The Treasurer reported the sum of \$4,826.09 raised during the six months of 1925. Mrs. Kannawin of Hamilton, representing the Provincial Board inspired and encouraged all with her words of cheer. Twenty-one

Auxiliaries, 16 Mission Bands, 5 C.G.I.T. Groups and 6 Y.W. Auxiliaries were represented.

Superior P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, on May 14. The Vice-President, Mrs. A. C. Delbridge, presided in the absence of our President through illness. The Corresponding Secretary's report showed eight Groups in the Presbyterial, with a total contribution for five months of 1925 of \$693.03.

Rev. A. Boyd brought greetings from the Presbytery and Miss MacMurchy of Toronto spoke most enthusiastically on the work that is ours and also on the work that in the near future we hope will be ours.

Mrs. Delbridge gave a splendid résumé of the Provincial meeting and with steadfast courage and high hopes for the future the ladies went to their respective homes to work harder, pray more, give better.

North Bay and Temiskaming P.S.—The annual Presbyterial meetings were held in St. Andrew's Church, New Liskeard, May 14, Mrs. McKnight, President, presiding.

Miss MacIlwaine of the School Home spoke briefly of her work here and elsewhere for the W.M.S. Miss A. E. Chambers told in a most interesting way of her work in South Porcupine, touching on her privilege to be able to open up work at two W.M.S. hospitals in our north country under the Presbyterian banner. A splendid report of the Provincial meeting held in Toronto was given by Mrs. S. C. MacDonald and an inspiring address by Mrs. Horne of Toronto were features of the afternoon. All Secretaries gave most encouraging reports and we felt that the work would be carried on.

Orangeville P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Grand Valley on May 11th. The attendance was large and reports most encouraging.

The Treasurer stated that more than half of this year's allocation had been raised in five months last year so all felt Orangeville could easily reach the objective this year.

Miss Ethel Reid of South China and Rev. W. M. Kannawin gave heartening addresses in the afternoon. The evening session took the form of a rally of the Presbyterians in the Presbytery. Arrangements were made for a sectional meeting to be held in Orangeville in June.

Hamilton P.S.—Tuesday, May 11th, was a red letter day in the history of McNab St. Church Auxiliary, Hamilton, when a farewell reception was tendered to Miss Anna Whitby, deaconess, who is taking up work for the Presbyterian Church in Northern Ontario. Representatives from all the city Auxiliaries were present. Miss Jessie Kennedy presided, Mrs. McQuesten gave the scripture lesson and Mrs. (Dr.) Fletcher followed with earnest prayer. Mrs. Kannawin, representing the Deaconess Board, addressed a few thoughtful words on "Separation

for Service," after which Mrs. Locheed on behalf of Hamilton Presbytery, in absence of the Moderator, presented a handsome Schofield Bible with tender words of affection and assurance. The gift of a full travelling outfit from Auxiliary members was then presented by Mrs. Fletcher. Gifts came also from other Auxiliaries. A letter from the minister Rev. H. B. Ketchen was then read, expressing his sincere regret at not being present and his high esteem and regard for Miss Whitby and the happy meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Jas. Watson a dearly loved member of the W.M.S. since its inception in 1876.

Toronto P.S.—Mrs. G. Tower Fergusson of Toronto has been appointed on the Canadian Women's Hostel Committee.

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The Better Prayer

*I thank Thee, Lord, for strength of arm
To win my bread,
And that beyond my need is meat
For friend unfed.*

*I thank Thee much for bread to live;
I thank Thee more for bread to give.*

*I thank Thee, Lord, for snug
thatched roof
In cold and storm,
And that beyond my need is room
For friend forlorn.*

*I thank Thee much for place to rest,
But more for shelter for my guest.*

*I thank Thee, Lord, for lavish love
On me bestowed,
Enough to share with loveless folk
To ease their load.*

*Thy love to me I ill could spare,
Yet dearer is Thy love I share.*

—Y.W.C.A. Notes.

Editorial

FOR years it has been the custom of our W.M.S. to set apart the month of October for special Thanksgiving. As we approach this great Festival of Remembrance we must acknowledge that never in the history of our Society have we had greater need of pouring out our hearts in gratitude to God than we have at the present time. In the year that stretches behind great problems have faced us, but together our people have prayed them through, and in so doing, have learned something unforgettable, and formed unbreakable ties in the Kingdom of God. To all of us there has come a fresh vision of service. New light has dawned in many hearts, and old duties have been taken up with new inspiration. Influence and substance have been invested in the service of the Master for the transforming, ennobling and uplifting of lives through the missionary enterprise of our Church. To all of us God has given

“Some gift of such rare blessedness, some joy
So strangely sweet
That our lips can only tremble with the thanks
We cannot speak.” *

ECHOES OF SUMMER CONFERENCES AND CAMPS are still coming. Only this week we heard of the success of the Summer School at Woodstock, held under the auspices of the synod of Hamilton and London. There was a registration of about sixty students. Thirteen of these signified their desire for missionary services. There was a fine spirit manifested throughout. The students were mostly young women. The Bible studies were conducted by Rev. A. Macfarlane of Clinton and the mission periods, apart from those devoted to W.M.S. work, which were in charge of Mrs. Kananawin, were taken by Rev. D. E. and Mrs. MacDonald of India and Miss Ethel Reid of South China.

At the Grimsby Camp for Jewish children about fifty children were entertained for two weeks under the care of Rev. Morris Zeidman, and Miss Martin, assisted by Miss Allen, our deaconess for Hamilton, and Miss Murray, our hospital visitor for Toronto. The bathing was a source of great delight to the young folk and the daily talk and story period were much enjoyed. An evening sing song on the verandahs of different residents of the village was quite a feature. Jewish children love music and sing very sweetly.

The Summer School at Sault Ste. Marie had in Miss Reid of South China, Mrs. MacKay of Port Arthur, Miss Lamont and Dr. and Mrs. Kananawin of Toronto just the staff it needed. The School had an average attendance of fifty-nine at the morning classes and one hundred and sixty at the evening meetings. It was considered an unqualified success for a beginning and established itself in the hearts of our young people and business men. Next year the attendance will be doubled as the ninety-five full time and partial time members will act as a recruiting committee.

THE HIGH STANDARD OF SCHOLARSHIP recently attained by Miss Ruth Buchanan, one of our newly appointed missionaries to India, will be of interest to our readers. We have always known of Miss Buchanan's ability, and that she was a gold medallist of Queen's University, and are more than pleased to learn of her further educational attainments.

Miss Buchanan took four summer sessions at Columbia University, taking up methods of teaching both French and English and got from Professor Erskine, one of Columbia's most famous professors, an "A" in English and the same from her French professor in French. Since going to Paris Miss Buchanan has distinguished herself in phonetics, coming out second in the whole class. Of the seven Canadian government scholarship students in Paris this year studying, Miss Buchanan and one other took a very difficult course at the Sorbonne, all the others took much easier courses. One hundred and fifty students entered this course, fifty-four failed in the test given to all early in the session. At the final examination, sixty-

eight passed out of the ninety-six who took the course. Miss Buchanan came out second in the whole class. The certificate she obtained confers distinction in phonetics the world over.

IN THIS ISSUE two articles appear which should prove of special interest to our readers. The first gives a vivid picture of Fort McMurray—that frontier post where we have established a hospital unit. The other outlines the opportunities for further training of candidates for overseas work and furloughed missionaries afforded by the Canadian School of Missions. Our W.M.S. Council Executive is represented on the Board of this fine interdenominational institution by our President, Mrs. McKerroll, and by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for our overseas work.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE the resignation of Miss Marjorie McIlwaine as matron of the School Home at New Liskeard. Miss McIlwaine has had the honor of being the first matron of this fine Home, and during the months that have elapsed since the opening, August 29, 1925, she has given unstintedly of her time and mature thought to the care of the young people under her charge. The good health they have enjoyed and the excellent standing they have taken in their school examinations is due, to a large extent, to her faithful oversight. Before leaving Miss McIlwaine had many pleasant surprises—an unexpected visit from interested townspeople and their guests, a letter of appreciation from one of the mothers for the care of her daughter, and a surprise party by the pupils and some of their school friends and a presentation of a French ivory manicure set. The gift was accompanied by a clever address in verse from the "Happy Family", expressive of their regard and their sorrow at her departure.

It is the hope of the Council Executive that Miss McIlwaine at an early date, may be able to resume work for the Society among the Indians, a work in which she was formerly engaged and for which she has expressed a great affection.

Miss Janet Manson of Goderich, formerly of Chalmers House, Montreal, assumed the duties of matron on September 1st.

OUR SOCIETY IS STRENGTHENING HER STAKES and girding herself for greater labors than ever before. Our three field workers have already begun work, Miss Lamont in Quebec, Miss Violet Scott in Saskatchewan, Miss Pelton, whose health is quite restored, in Alberta. Miss Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, will devote her attention to Ontario. In our prayers let us not forget these workers.

A CABLEGRAM HAS BEEN received by Miss Margaret Dulmage of the General Hospital, Toronto, telling of the very serious illness of her sister, Miss Agnes Dulmage at Hong Kong. Miss Dulmage, who has been acting Principal of the Girls' Diocesan School of the Anglican Church of Kowloon, Hong Kong, has been on her vacation and her last letter, written less than a month ago (August 16th) spoke of the intense heat and that she was very tired but said nothing of any indisposition.

TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL has given official expression to its deep sense of loss in the removal by death of its beloved President, Mrs. R. F. Cameron of Georgetown. Mrs. Cameron brought to the office of President the great gift of leadership and to her intercourse with her fellow workers those qualities of heart and mind which endeared her to all. Her passing is a distinct loss to our Society. Our sympathy is extended to her only son in the loss of such a mother.

THE FEDERAL COMMISSION began its sitting on September 7th and, at date of writing, September 20th, is still in session. Negotiations have also been in progress between representatives of the Mission Boards of the Presbyterian and United Churches, and we hope that, in the November issue of the *Glad Tidings*, a statement may be made regarding the adjustment of the foreign fields. Such an arrangement will save the time of the Commission and large expenditures on the part of both Churches.

AN UNFORTUNATE ERROR was made in the September *Glad Tidings* which we regret. In mentioning our Church missionaries now in Honan we included one more than actually exists for there is no Mrs. Allan Reoch. Sorry.

ZEIDMAN-MARTIN—On September 2nd, at Knox College Chapel, Toronto, by Rev. John Gibson Inkster, D.D., assisted by Rev. S. B. Rhohold, of Haifa, Palestine, Miss Annie Aitken Martin to Rev. Morris Zeidman, B.D., of Toronto.

Our best wishes follow these earnest young people as together they take up work among the Jewish people.

OMISSIONS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

ON PAGE 6, in the paragraph dealing with the ex-officio members on committees, the name of the First Vice-President was omitted by mistake.

On page 143, par. IV the words "Young Women's Auxiliaries" should be added. It was left out by mistake.

Fort McMurray—its Possibilities and Resources

CIVILIZATION steadily rolls on, absorbing the frontier of the past in the tentacles of the present. The town, unknown yesterday except dimly as being somewhere "up there," spoken of with a shudder when a casual thought is given to the meagre reports which filter through of bitter cold winters, hardy strong men, parkee clad, reaching its portals laden with precious furs, wrested from the barren lands of the north—to-day, is on the verge of coming into its own. Such is McMurray, once known as Fort McMurray, where the Hudson's Bay Company established a sentinel post at the meeting of the waters of the Clearwater and the Athabaska. McMurray, with its many resources, known and unknown, is to-day an important industrial centre for it has salt wells supplying Alberta with a home-made product, it has tremendous bodies of tar sands, concerning which experts have stated there is sufficient to supply oil and asphalt to the whole of the western hemisphere. It has sulphur springs, natural gas springs, timber, and what is more—agricultural lands.

Strange is it not that even 300 miles north of Edmonton and further the grass still grows, gardens are planted, the plow delves into the soil and long summer days ripen the tremendous growth speedily and well. McMurray has more. With the completion of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, stretching northeast from Edmonton some 300 miles until it reaches the first waters of the great rivers which to-day form the artery of communication between south and north, McMurray is the gateway, the point of entrance, and holds the key in its hand. It is to-day unlocking the door through which later years will see the unlimited resources of hundreds of thousands of miles of unknown lands pass through.

All Aboard for Down River

It was a cold frosty morning, grey with an early dawn. The clinking of metallic hoofs striking on the hard frozen ground accompanies the grunts of parkee-clad men as they hitch up the single horse to the toboggan which is to carry freight and mail to those whose fortune it is

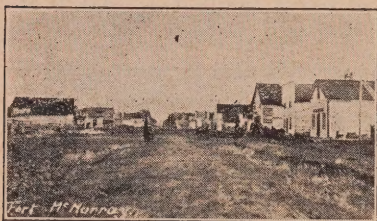


HOSPITAL UNIT, FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.

Miss Olive Ross seated in front.

to spend their winters in the farther north. Off on a 2,000-mile trip, regardless of weather, cold, or the ordinary hardships of river winter travel. It's a sign of progress for only a year ago, the crack of the dog whip, the hoarse "Char" and "Hew" of the dog driver, lining up his diminutive transport with their meagre 250 pounds of freight, would have been the sign that a cargo of freight was leaving for the north.

Ryan Brothers, pioneers of northern transport, mail carriers of the north, have put horses on the river this year in place of dogs. They did



THE MAIN STREET, FORT McMURRAY,
ALTA.

it with hesitation, not knowing whether success would attend, but the fact that they have transported some thirty-five tons of mining machinery and supplies alone into the great hinterland on the Slave River, 300 miles north of McMurray, points to success. It was no weakling's job to take dogs and freight down the long river run in the past, it is no weakling's job to take horses down to-day, but Ryan's men make the trip regularly in and out, despite weather cold and blizzard for the north must be served whether it be summer or winter.

Another View

It is spring, the rivers with tremendous crash and jam have cleared themselves of the millions of tons of ice which has formed the winter highway, and the sternwheeler, spick and span after a winter's rest, with crew eager for the run, hauls in to Waterways awaiting the freight which comes from the south. It is necessary to work fast, work hard, for boats and scows must do their share to see that the north is fully supplied ere the goose flying south tells all that winter is coming once more. So McMurray has an industry, horse and the winter road; steamers and the summer trail, both start at McMurray.

Strange Types and Faces

One sees strange types and faces at McMurray. The treaty Indian rubs shoulders with the half-breed taking the first glimpse of the iron horse, the white trapper bronzed with the tanning of the winter's travel tells the tale of the north to the spick and span commercial man, who imagines that here at last is the end of all things civilized, not reckoning the fact that civilization is still carried on and over towards the land of the midnight sun by steamer and toboggan. Many are the tales which

are told of the mysteries of the north; of starving Indians, raging wolves, stampeding buffalo, bear fights, cat fights, hidden mysteries of untold mineral wealth and all that goes with the first stories of the unknown frontier. The north! Edmonton was north not so many years ago, when the voyageur bade farewell to his family in Calgary and hit the old Indian trail for Fort Edmonton. But who would call Edmonton, with its 65,000 people north to-day? So it is with McMurray, north to-day perhaps, over the edge of the great beyond. But what of it? It's the key to the north and is content to await the day when like Edmonton of thirty years ago it will receive the overflow of modern conditions.

—F. S. WRIGHT, Special Investigator for the *Edmonton Journal* at Gold Field, on the Slave River.

(To be continued)

Young Women—This is For You

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. J. M. POOLE, Y.W.A. SECRETARY

AS our Society faces the winter's work, let the older members ask themselves, are we doing all in our power to interest the young women in missionary work. Could we not occasionally have an evening meeting to which all the young women in the congregation might be invited? Could we not cultivate their friendship? We need their wonderful enthusiasm and their optimism, while they need our experience, and our knowledge of the work. It is to them we look for workers. Let us see that we get them all. If there are sufficient young women let them organize an Auxiliary of their own. If not, alternate the meetings so that they can attend every other one. Or, if an organized Sabbath School class already exists affiliate it with the Women's Missionary Society. One might ask, why organize a Young Women's Auxiliary when there is already a Women's Missionary Society in the congregation? For several reasons.

The Women's Missionary Society usually meets in the afternoon, and many young women are only free to attend meetings in the evening. And young people like to undertake big things and carry them out themselves. In what other organization can they get as great an opportunity for doing big things as in the Missionary Auxiliary? Let them once catch a world vision of fields ripe already unto the harvest, and they will be inspired with the missionary spirit.

As our Ontario Young Women's Secretary said in her address at the Provincial meeting, let us realize that we are stewards for Christ. Stewards in many minds means money only, but in Christ's teaching

it means something much broader and deeper. What Christ wants is stewardship of time and life, and that means everything.

Thoughts for Christ.

Strength for Christ.

Skill for Christ.

Sympathy for Christ.

Service for Christ.

Money for Christ.

Does our Stewardship include all these?

When your Young Women's Auxiliary is organized,

1. Have a live Lookout Committee. See that it enlists every young person in the congregation. Call on them. Invite them to your meetings. Do not be discouraged if the first invitation be refused. Invite them again.

2. When you get them to the meeting make them feel at home. Give them something to do and they will be more interested.

3. Have some definite programme of work and study. We all work more enthusiastically if we have a definite object in view.

In a certain Young Women's Auxiliary they have two meetings a month. At one there is an address from a leader in missionary work. The other is entirely a work meeting where articles of clothing and Christmas gifts are made for children in mission hospitals and schools at home and overseas.

If no speaker is available take up a good study book such as *Young Islam on Trek*, by Basil Mathews, with its helpful booklet, *Mission Study Suggestions*, by Muriel Gray. Another book which has been highly commended is *Heroines of Unknown Ways*. These may be obtained from our Publications Office.

Do I hear you say, "We have not a leader?" Everywhere to-day the Church is calling for leaders. Do you not think that if we fully consecrate our lives to the Master's service He will raise up a leader for us from among our own number? If you will think over many of the leaders in the past, you will notice from what humble beginnings they were called. Think of Mary Slessor being only a poor factory girl, and yet what a wonderful work she accomplished for her Master. There may be some one in your midst, that God will raise up to be just as great a worker, if she will allow Him to use her life as He will.

"*The World for Christ*" is our motto. Let each one of us ask, "What Am I doing to bring the world to Christ?" As a Women's Missionary Society that is our great task. The young women of to-day are the ones on whom this task will fall. Will you not take it up now? Now is the only time we have.

Some one may say, "Oh, I am new in the work, therefore I could not do it." Do not hesitate to accept office on that account. Everyone can learn. Our Master said, "Learn of Me." That will be the secret of our success, learning of Christ, the Master Teacher.

"You must live each day at your very best;
The work of the world is done by few;
God asks that a part be done by *you*."

This message, "To each one his work," from J. R. Millar will help us: "It may be only a little thing, but the completeness of the universe will be marred if it is not done, however small.

"Each life that fails of its true intent

Mars the perfect plan that the Master meant."

Every member of the body of Christ has something to do. Some members do great things, some only small things. Every Christian has a work all his own. There is no Christian who has nothing to do. Each one is to find what his part is, and then do it. Our little part is all we have to do in the Master's work, but we must make sure that we do that. To fail in the lowliest place is to leave a flaw in God's great plan."

The Training of Our Missionaries

REV. J. LOVELL MURRAY, D.D.

THE Canadian School of Missions has completed its fifth season's work. The closing feature was a week's study of phonetics under the direction of Prof. T. F. Cummings of the Biblical Seminary, New York City, when twenty-four missionaries and candidates spent the forenoons and afternoons in an unremitting grind at the principles of sound production. This will be of immense service to them when they are tackling the strange sounds of ten or more different Asiatic and African languages.

It is the policy of the School not to duplicate any of the instruction which is available in regular courses elsewhere in Toronto. Accordingly, during the past year missionaries were to be found in a great many classrooms in the University of Toronto, Theological Colleges, Technical School and other institutions in the city, studying subjects which range all the way from motor mechanics to contemporary religious thought.

In addition, the School of Missions offered some thirty different courses. Some continued throughout the year, some were grouped in two intensive sessions, while others, such as journalism, musical appreciation, the art of story telling, elementary piano, girls' work, Christianity in India and anthropology were given at times which were suitable.

More than forty instructors, of high rank in their departments, were enlisted to give these courses, receiving no recompense save the gratitude of the students, and the satisfaction of sharing in the missionary enterprise.

In all, eighty-seven missionaries and candidates were enrolled for the courses given by the School.

This does not take account of the many lines of individual training—music, piano-tuning, x-ray, typewriting, etc., and observation in the normal

school, kindergartens and hospitals, which were provided for as many missionaries as wished them.

Missionaries were also encouraged to attend lectures by the Alumni Association, Royal Canadian Institute, University Extension Department, besides Sir Bertram Windle's course on "Some manners and customs of peoples of the world," and Prof. Mercer's on "Archæology and the Bible"; also sessions of Student Volunteer Movement Retreats; Social Service Council's Annual Convention; the Convention of the Religious Education Association of North America and the Toronto Social Welfare Conference.

A high spot in the year's work was the Conference on China and India arranged by the Foreign Mission Boards of Canada. The School of Missions co-operated in this, cancelling all regular work during those days. President Harold Balme of Shantung Christian University, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, Secretary of the International Missionary Council and Rev. W. Paton, one of the Secretaries of the National Christian Council of India, were present. Mr. Paton also gave a course of four lectures to the Canadian School of Missions.

The theological lectures for medical students were greatly appreciated. The courses given were religious education, by Prof. Fred Langford; evangelism, by Rev. D. N. McLachlan; and Christian doctrine, by Prof. A. J. Johnston.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones of New York, Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, was the visiting lecturer in the One Week Session. His expert discussions of some of the vital missionary problems of the day was a valuable contribution to the year's instruction.

A number of individual lectures were given by Bishop L. H. Roots, of Hankow, China; Mr. J. H. Oldham, of London, England, Secretary of the International Missionary Council; Rev. C. W. Gordon, D.D., of Winnipeg; President Harold Balme of Shantung Christian University; Dr. Margaret Patterson, of Toronto, police magistrate; Dr. Retta G. Kilborn, of Chengtu, China; Rev. Frank K. Sanders, Ph.D., of New York, Secretary of the Committee on the Preparation of Missionaries; Mr. F. W. Hawkins, LL.B., of London, England, Secretary of the London Missionary Society; Dr. H. H. Weir, of London, England, Medical Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; Rev. Peter Bryce, Lecturer in Social Service, University of Toronto; Rev. Hugh Matheson, LL.B., D.D., Librarian, Knox College, Toronto.

A number of conferences were held on some of the live missionary problems of the day.

The social side of the School's life has been emphasized. Receptions and afternoon teas furnished an opportunity for promoting mutual acquaintance among missionaries, candidates and the Secretaries of the

Boards. It is the desire of the School that increasingly it may be a general foreign missionary headquarters and a centre of true fellowship and prayer.

Plans for the coming year's work are going forward. There promises to be a large number of furloughed missionaries in and about Toronto. Already a keenness for study has been observed on the part of several who have arrived from their fields. The programme of instruction will follow the lines of previous years.

With the passing of the years the task of training missionaries and candidates takes on an ever enlarging importance. It is harder to be a successful missionary to-day than it has ever been. Thorough preparation is a vital factor. The Canadian School of Missions is trying to keep pace with the growing demands and earnestly desires the prayers of God's people that its influence may be strongly felt in every mission field of the Canadian Churches.

Wishbones—Jawbones—Backbones

IN a recent copy of the *Sunday School Times* there appeared the following clipping taken from the "King's Business."

THE BONES OF THE CHURCH

Church members, says an exchange, may be divided into three classes in a mere skeleton outline—wishbones, jawbones and backbones.

The wishbones are always languidly hoping that the Church will somehow grow without their effort; the jawbones, of course, do the critical talking; and the backbones get under the heavy burdens and carry them. Wishbones! Jawbones! Backbones!

Here is our text for the members of the Women's Auxiliary as they set themselves in array for the winter's work.

Playtime is over, the children are back in school and the hour has struck for intensive mission study and absorbing church work. Not that we have been idle all summer. Many of us have been to the various training schools offered by the summer conferences. If you have been on the mountain top, we of the valley will be looking to you for inspiration.

Wishbones—jawbones—backbones—these we find in our Auxiliary.

Have you women who wish the Auxiliary would grow, yet they trouble not to ask a new member to join, They wish women knew more about home and foreign missions, yet they never belong to a study class. They wish the Auxiliary would support a missionary of its own, yet they ignore the budget. They wish the Auxiliary programmes were so intensely interesting that no one could stay away, yet they never attend the inspirational meeting. Oh the wishbones!

No organization can escape the jawbones, the criticizing sisters, the whispering women, the ones who disappear behind their fans and confide to the neighboring woman that "they were never so bored in all their lives." Constructive criticism is always helpful, but oh! the jawbones with their endless faultfinding. No skeleton is complete without them, so we suppose we will have them with us until time shall end, but do we enjoy them?

Need we say who are the backbones? Willingly, gladly, efficiently they bear the burden of the Auxiliary work. You find them seeking out the newcomers and asking them to share in the work. Our backbone member thinks Mrs. So and So lacks point in her prayer. In love, she sees a woman struggling with timidity and using the common-place, threadbare expressions to veil the true desires of her heart. We rejoice that the backbones far outnumber their disagreeable sisters and so the organization continues to grow, both as a force in education and as a financial power.—*Christian Observer.*

The Voice Beautiful

WE commend the following to those who expect to take part in meetings. Until a woman has learned to enunciate clearly she has no business reading papers or giving addresses; *she is only wasting the time and spoiling the temper of her audience.* It is strange but true that half the women who come before a long-suffering public can speak out, but will not. Nervousness renders some unintelligible; others are possessed of a spirit of false modesty, and are afraid to speak out lest they be thought more at home on a platform than they should be.

Even so great a woman as Mrs. Humphry Ward proved a trial to half the people who flocked to hear her lecture during her visit. The very knowledge that the discourse was so good a literary treat, which no one should miss, made the fact that in certain parts of the house hearing was an impossibility all the harder to bear. A well-known editor after vainly trying for some time to follow her, arose and left the hall. "I'm done with women lecturers," he said with conviction. "I know what Mrs. Ward is saying is fine, super fine, but I'd rather not listen at all than be able only to catch a sentence once in a while."

And the poor little woman who paid out her hard-earned money gladly for a ticket, and took her seat in the back part of the hall, also slipped away before the lecture was over. "I know it's beautiful," she said with tears of self-pity in her eyes, "but I can't hear it."

The day when woman has something to say on public questions has come, and judging by appearance, has come to stay. Let her meet it by getting ready to say what she has to say plainly and sensibly. *If she would*

open her mouth wider, talk out instead of down into her pretty throat, separate her words so that they could be understood, people would be glad to listen. Why not? I'm sure she looks better on a platform, or off one, than man does. But so often her paper or her address is a dismal failure, not because she has nothing good to give, but because she does not know how to give it.—*The Presbyterian Message.*

The Work in Manitoba

AS SEEN BY OUR FIELD SECRETARY, MISS P. B. LAMONT

I AM having many novel experiences, especially in the way of transportation. I told you in my last letter about travelling by freight, my latest was to be taken to the station seated on a chair in a high grain wagon, shielding myself from the rain by an umbrella and a man's raincoat. The owner of the wagon has a car but it was temporarily disabled.

I completed my work in Brandon Presbytery last week. Minnedosa is one of three congregations which have recently been organized. They automatically slipped into union and are now deliberately pulling out. The other two are Morden and Boissevain, and from reports there are more to follow. I met the ladies of Boissevain before their Church was organized and they appointed a provisional committee to arrange for organizing an Auxiliary as soon as it could be done. They had their second Church service recently.

On my last trip we succeeded in getting an Auxiliary started again at Lenore. They had one some years ago, but it had died. There were only seven women at the meeting, but I think they got another vision of their opportunity and responsibility. They need to be upheld in prayer by our W.M.S. I have hopes that they will also start a Mission Band as soon as school opens as they seemed to realize that the children were being neglected. Another place in need of being upheld is Winnipegosis. About eight years ago, although a union Church was formed here, some remained loyal to their convictions and refused to enter, and with two women—sisters—in charge, have maintained a very successful Sunday School all these years. They have now a student in charge of the field, but their numbers are very few and the need of workers is very great. No greater spirit of devotion to Presbyterianism could be shown than that displayed by these two loyal women. Yet there are many such, laboring in hard places who are willing to suffer and work and give, that the Presbyterian cause may prosper and the Church of God advance. I did not even suggest to them the advisability of organizing a W.M.S. but did advise adding missionary topics to the Sunday School and Ladies' Aid programme, which I know will be done.

While at Elphinstone I had quite a novel experience talking to the Indians on the Okanese Reserve through an interpreter. He is a half-breed, is equally at home speaking French, English or Cree, and is a very fine Christian and Mr. Willson's right hand man. We stood up together, I talked then he talked. I never before realized how much a speaker depends for inspiration on the response from the audience. There they sat, about eighteen women, three men, and numerous children, as stolid and unresponsive as a stone wall. I told them of the splendid work of the women on the Bird-tail Reserve and asked if they, too, would not like to have a part in this splendid work, but could get no response. However, one of the English-speaking ones—she had been to school at Birtle—told me afterwards that she hoped they could organize, she wanted it very much, so there may be results. Our meeting which was called for 3 o'clock started at 4.10. No need to be in a hurry.

In Brandon Presbytery I addressed 8 Sunday services, 2 Sunday Schools, 8 Auxiliary meetings, 2 C.G.I.T. Groups, 2 Mission Bands and 4 unorganized groups. I organized 1 Mission Band, 2 Auxiliaries, 1 Associate Society, and another is almost sure. The 2 C.G.I.T. Groups will affiliate when they meet in the fall, and 2 prospective Mission Bands.

While passing through Dauphin I called on some Presbyterians.

I have had just one trip out from Winnipeg—to Gonor, Selkirk and Stonewall. Mrs. Hutchinson of Winnipeg, took me out to Gonor last Thursday. I addressed All People's Mission on Friday night, and a meeting in a school house six miles away on Saturday night. Went to Selkirk for Sunday, speaking at Clandeboye—nine miles out—in the afternoon. The ladies there would like a W.M.S. but fear they are too few in number, so for the present will join Selkirk as Home Helpers. Spoke at Selkirk on Sunday evening. Went back to Mrs. McKenzie's for Monday, and with her made some calls on Ruthenian folk. Tuesday addressed a fine Auxiliary at Stonewall, and a Ladies' Aid group in Winnipeg at night. Am going to get in touch with the Welcome and Welfare work here this afternoon.

I have received nothing but kindness from the Manitoba ladies, and in such hands I'm sure the mission work of our Church will be well cared for.

*To be alive in such an age,
To live to it, to give to it!
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,
Crave but to have in it a part.
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be alive in such an age.—Sel.*

OUR LETTER BOX

New Liskeard.

"A number of ladies and gentlemen dropped in at the School Home on Monday evening, August 30th, to surprise Miss MacIlwaine. The evening was passed chiefly in Scottish story and song, including old Scottish reels on the violin and piano.

Several of the guests being from outside points, were very interested in seeing through the Home, which they all agree is the finest of its kind they have seen, everything being so convenient and up-to-date.

After a dainty lunch had been partaken of the guests once more gathered round the piano, where they sang solos, duets and quartettes until a late hour. The evening was a very enjoyable one to all present and came to a close with many expressions of good will and regret that Miss MacIlwaine will not be here to enjoy many more of these impromptu gatherings."

—Mrs. W. N. Macdonald.

South Porcupine.

"I am getting in another goitre case to-morrow. For the first time since we started we have had two babies in the house at once.

The work is practically finished and looks very well. When the doctor came in this afternoon, and saw it all for the first time since we got the cleaning and polishing done, he said, 'My, is this the Royal Free Hospital! it certainly is a great improvement in six months'. It was difficult to know what color to choose for the outside paint. I decided on a pretty shade of brown with buff trimming and it looks very nice and will not get dirty quickly. My bed room now opens out on the lower verandah. The old window that was in had a very bad broken frame so we had to put in a new one and Mr. Farley, the contractor, instead of putting in the ordinary window again, made me a present of a pretty French door so that now, if I wish, my room opens right on to the verandah. It looks very well and will make the room much more airy. Wasn't it nice of him to donate the door? They cost about seventeen dollars, I think.

I am hoping for great things for our Presbyterian Hospital. There certainly is more interest shown now that it has a more attractive appearance. The town is beginning to be proud of it. We had exactly one hundred patients in the first six months, which was rather good I think. It takes time for a place to be known."

—Miss A. E. Chambers.

A Service of Thanksgiving

Silent Prayer.—Followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The Songs of Degrees.—To be read by the Leader.—Ps. 120, which pictures grief, unrest, temptation, followed by Ps. 121, which pictures peace.

All in Unison repeat:—Ps. 125 and 130, songs of confidence, promise, prayer, warning, hope.

Hymn.—"Lead us Heavenly Father, Lead us."

A Period of Retrospection.—Let everyone present listen and recall some memory of her own,—so shall it be an offering of praise from the heart as well as from the lips. Deut. 8:2.

Leader.—Let us praise Him and tell of His excellent greatness to-day!

1. In Nature.—Hymn: "My God I Thank Thee."

2. In the Church.—Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation."

Five One-Minute Talks on Dr. J. T. Stoecking's definition of "The Church." How can your Church work this out this winter?

"*A Temple.*—Where in devout and thankful hearts, our God securely dwells.

A School.—In which aspiring souls shall seek to learn the will of God.

A Home.—Where folk, the great and small, shall live in loyal, loving company,

A Lookout.—Whence the seeing eye may sweep the fields of life.

A Camp.—From which the followers of Christ go forth to valiant service."

3. In the World Through His Followers.—Three minute talk on: (a) Educational, (b) Medical and (c) Evangelistic work of the W.M.S.; (d) Great movements or reforms in which Christians are leading.

Offering of Thanksgiving—for the Treasury of the Lord.

Prayer.—Thanksgiving for the progress of Christ's Kingdom on the earth.

Hymn.—"The Morning Light is Breaking."

Leader.—What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits? (Response in single voices).

1. Personal service.—Luke 9:23; Acts 1:8; Rom. 12:1; 6:13.

2. Property.—Deut. 16:10; Mal. 3:10; Matt. 10:8; 2 Sam. 24:24.

3. Praise.—Ps. 150 (to be read in concert).

4. Prayer.—Ps. 55:17; Ps. 72:15.

Announcement of amount of Thank-offering and reading of any messages that may have accompanied the gifts.

Hymn.—"Lead on O King Eternal."

Closing Prayer.

C. G. I. T.

And Other Teen-Age Organizations

SINCE the study book, *Young Islam on Trek*, by Basil Mathews, is available and with it a study help, this space previously devoted to missionary suggestions, will now be set apart for items of interest concerning the various girls' organizations affiliated with the W.M.S. Let no province be found wanting in missionary activities, and what has proved successful in one place may be tried elsewhere with like results. Send in news items to either the Provincial Press Secretary or C.G.I.T. Secretary.

What becomes of *missionary offerings* is of interest to all, and the girls of our Church may be glad to know one object towards which their gifts are directed. It is the education of a Chinese girl in Canada. When school closed in June, she carried home her books very sadly. School days were ended forever with the conclusion of the public school course. How she longed to continue her education! In the little Chinese laundry there was no money to make possible her desire. Through a missionary, the attention of the W.M.S. was attracted to the case, and depending upon the offerings of the girls' organizations, the money was forwarded for the education of this Chinese girl in Canada. May she prove a blessing to her people!

In this connection it is worth mentioning the account of a young full-blooded Cherokee Indian, Miss Ruth Muskrat, which appears in the September number of *The Missionary Review of the World*.

Miss Muskrat, who had secured a scholarship in Mount Holyoke College, through the interest of the American Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, recently represented the Indian students of the United States in the presentation to President Coolidge of a copy of *The Red Man in the United States*, a study of the Indian problem gotten out by the Institute of Social and Religious Research. In addition she has won the prize of \$1,000 offered to the graduate of the class of 1925 from Mount Holyoke College who, during her first year out of college, had done the most to pass on to others the benefit of her education. Miss Muskrat's fields of labor were among her own people, first as principal of a summer school at Tahlequah College, Oklahoma, and later as teacher in Haskell Institute, Kansas, the largest school for Indians in the United States.

"I knew what they wanted," she said, "because I came from the same background as they."

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for October

BASED ON THE TEXT BOOK, "TWO YOUNG ARABS"

"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

IN our lesson on the *Two Young Arabs*, the route from Yembo to Karachi—a port in India—will be a new one for our Mission Bands because they will be going from Arabia to a different part of India, but they will remember that that great country is part of our Empire and has been called the "brightest gem in the British Crown".

We are all interested in Central India for a number of our beloved missionaries* are serving there, but we are going to accompany Jameel and Noorah and their father to the Punjab in Northern India.

It would be interesting to have books and pencils and take notes on the journey each month. Describe for instance first, "Costumes worn by father and his children," second "What they took for lunch," third "Tell of the journey across the Desert of Sind," fourth "What happened when the train stopped at the different stations," and other items of interest that suggest themselves to our travellers or their leader.

The visit to Delhi—now the capital of India—will be full of interest. Boys and girls can tell of the Red and White Mosque; what could be bought in the bazaar; about Moslem babies, and Noorah and Jameel at school—not forgetting the most wonderful monument in the world—the Taj Mahal.

We would suggest that the notes be read at the second monthly meeting—the one for work. These suggestions are left to the discretion of the Band leaders for only a leader knows the personnel and capabilities of her Band members. Our thought is to help make the study book lessons interesting.

Opening hymn—"Come Ye Thankful People, Come." *Bible Lesson*—Psalm 103 (Leader and Band reading alternate verses). *Prayer of Thanksgiving*—Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the good things Thou hast provided for us. Help us to show our gratitude to Thee by living up to our motto "Loving and Serving". Lord Jesus, Thou didst set us an example of loving service in Thy life on earth and hast died that we might live in the home above, help us each day to be wise, to be good and to follow Thee. Amen.

Roll Call. Business. Offering. Lesson.—"Two Young Arabs in

India'', chapter 2. *Solo or duet. Closing Hymn.*—'O Lord of Heaven and Earth''—verses 1, 3, 4, 6, 7. *The Lord's Prayer.*

NOTE—It is not too soon to think about preparing for the Christmas entertainment. Write to the head office or Provincial Literature depots for pageants, and to the Lantern Slide Secretary of each province regarding slides.

* At Gwalior, there are Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin and soon our two new W.M.S. missionaries, Miss Stringer and Miss Whatling will be there. At Amkhut, there are Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and our W.M.S. workers, Miss Robson, Miss Ruth Buchanan and Miss Maxwell.

Something About One Mission Band That Might Prove Interesting to Others

M. M. M.

THE Light Bearers Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, Ont., held their first "after holiday" meeting Friday, September 10th, at 4 p.m. in the Church hall. The Bible story told by Mrs. MacOdrum of the "Five Golden Links", namely, Jesus: Happiness: Usefulness: Holiness and Heaven: was listened to with a deepening and enquiring interest by the children, so was also the appropriate letter from our worthy Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Dill, of Toronto. Mrs. Dill complimented the Band on the name they had chosen, for it shows the real motive of all Mission Bands—bearing the light to those who are still in darkness. Mrs. Dill's request that each member of the Band bring in a new member before December 31, 1926, was received with enthusiasm and a show of hands from each one present.

Plans were discussed for the winter's work and it was agreed to hold a Harvest Thanksgiving service in November when a "pageant" based on the study book of last year, *Brave Adventurers*, would be presented by the members of the Band. Speaking of our name "Light Bearers" has suggested the thought that we might start a column in our *Glad Tidings* entitled "Shining Lights in our Mission Bands" and let us hear from all the Bands of some girl or boy whose interest radiates the atmosphere of the Band. Allow me the privilege of taking the lead and introducing all Mission Band members to one of the "Shining Lights" in our Band, a girl, and without exception the most faithful, useful, "ever ready to do good" girl one could meet, her name is Edna Lorimer. Edna is twelve years old and makes a success of anything she undertakes: in Mission Band she serves efficiently as pianist and Secretary and has never missed a meeting to my knowledge unless through illness. Edna

captured the "gold medal" for making highest for "general standing" in the entrance class of her school this year and she carries the same ambition into the Mission Band. With a reliable leader and one such member any Mission Band should succeed. Let us hear of others it will prove an inspiration.

Suggested Study Programmes

AUXILIARIES

Based on the Study Book, "Moslem Women"

by A. E. and S. M. Zwemer.

September.—Mohammed, his religion, past and present. (Chapter 1).

October.—1. The Spread of Islam: It's Influence and the Solvent. (Chapter 1). 2. Thankoffering Service.

November.—Moslem Women's Position According to the Koran; Tradition; Literature and Law. (Chapter II).

December.—Moslem Women's Real Position. (Chapter II).

January.—The New Awakening—It's Cause and Effect. (Chapter III).

February.—Barriers between Islam and Christianity. (Chapter IV).

March.—Causes for Encouragement—Egyptian S.S. Crusade of Evangelism, The Kingdom of Iraq. (Chapter IV).

April.—The Call of Arabia, Syria and Persia. The Jerusalem Conference. (Chapter IV).

May.—Need and Effects of Medical Work. (Chapter V).

June.—The Home, the School, Child Welfare. (Chapter V).

July.—The Power of the Gospel Exemplified. (Chapter VI).

August.—1. Story of Cheer from eight Moslem Countries. (Chapter VI). 2. The Challenge. (Chapter VI).

C.G.I.T. AND OTHER TEEN-AGE ORGANIZATIONS

Based on the Study Book "Islam on Trek," by Basil Mathews.

September.—Organization meeting.

October.—Islam strikes its tents.

November.—Caravans to Mecca.

December.—Between the desert and Europe.

January.—The ancient camping grounds.

February.—Persia, a natural minaret.

March.—The new vista of Turkey.

April.—The Indian caravanserai.

May.—The trail of camel and dhow.

June.—To what goal. (Pageant).

MISSION BANDS

Based on the Text Book "Two Young Arabs," by A. E. Zwemer.

September.—Arabia.

October.—India.

November.—Persia.

December.—Christmas entertainment—lantern views or living pictures.

January.—Review Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

February.—From Persia and North Africa.

March.—In the land of the Pharaohs.

April.—Jerusalem and the Easter story.

May.—Review of Chapters 4, 5 and 6.

June.—Pageant.

Prayer

FATHER of mercies, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee for an abundant harvest—"not more than others we deserve yet Thou hast given more." We thank Thee for our many national blessings, for liberty of conscience and Gospel privileges: while others sit in darkness we benefit in our lives by the sacrifice of Calvary. Merciful Father, we humbly thank Thee at this time for our Church, that during the days of stress and anxiety Thy people have been sustained by a firm trust in Thy love and care. Thou, O God, hast been our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble. Enable us all to show our thankfulness to Thee by dedicating our lives anew to Thy service. We thank Thee for Thy great goodness to our W.M.S. during the past year, for all the Auxiliary members, young women and children who are earnestly endeavoring to send the gospel message to those who know it not. Heavenly Father, bless our country, our Church, our W.M.S. and all who name the name of Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. Grant, dear Father, that Thy people may offer Thee what Thou most desirest, their humble, thankful hearts. Pardon our sins we beseech Thee and hear our prayer, for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

OLDS Auxiliary, through Mrs. Peattie, has secured the admission of Tommy Valdez—suffering from partial paralysis—to the Junior Red Cross Hospital at Calgary. Mrs. Allott has undertaken to visit this child each week, and send a letter to his mother telling of his progress.

Carstairs W. M. Auxiliary recently had the largest attendance in its history, and its quota for this year's contribution already has been made up.

Fifteen families have been settled in Carstairs district under the British Settlement Scheme, and in each case these were met by Presbyterians, and everything possible was done to give them an encouraging start in their new homes. All have been visited frequently since. Many are of Presbyterian connections, and all have been brought at once under Church influence.

Another \$400 has been remitted to Toronto by the Provincial Treasurer of the W.M.S., making \$1,400 in all. The allotment for Alberta is \$3,500.

Banff W. M. Auxiliary has 24 members, nearly as many Home Helpers, and thirty-five subscribers to *Glad Tidings*. All meetings are well attended, and a splendid spirit and harmony characterizes the Church as a whole.

Cayley congregation, though small, is very loyal. The L. A. and W. M. Auxiliary hold a joint meeting, opening with the missionary part, and closing with the business of the L. A. A sale of home cooking in July realized \$25.

Miss Laura Pelton, whose visit to Alberta in the spring was cut short by illness, is expected in the province about the middle of September.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Provincial Board meeting was held on Friday, August 20th, Mrs. Pillar presiding.

Satisfactory reports were presented by the Secretaries, and the Treasurer stated that the allocations had been reached.

The appointment of Mrs. J. L. McLean, of Vancouver, as Deaconess, for the Welcome and Welfare department, and also that of Miss Gertrude

Lawrence, formerly a worker in the Indian day school at Ucluelet, as supervisor of the work among Chinese women and children in Vancouver, is very gratifying, and will fill a much needed want.

The Auxiliaries have kept up their meetings during July and August, with very few exceptions.

It is with deep humility and grateful hearts the women of the Robertson Presbyterian Church Missionary Auxiliary, Vancouver, survey the work accomplished during the past six months.

Spiritual, social and financial progress is shown in all departments. The inspiration for this is largely due to the efforts of a small band of earnest Christian women who meet each Thursday afternoon for prayer and study of the Westminster Confession of Faith, conducted by the President. This study is also continued at the monthly meeting and is a means of getting back to the old Presbyterian standards, and revives memories of the teachings of childhood days. The circle meetings are a means of bringing in new members and training them to take an interest in mission work. The programme followed is given in *Glad Tidings* each month. The meetings last one hour which is devoted entirely to prayer and study. Each circle owns a copy of the study book, "Prayer and Missions" which is loaned to sick and shut-in members. By each member preparing a part of the programme it gives a feeling of personal responsibility and the various Presidents find all members gladly taking part in the work. There is a friendly rivalry between the circles as to getting new members and also in the amount of the offerings. The question of the serving of refreshments proved a debatable point and, after an animated discussion in which some humour was displayed, it was unanimously decided to dispense with the refreshments at circle meetings, instead, a combined social meeting of the four circles is to be held in the Church quarterly. It will be seen that each Thursday given to missionary work tends to strengthen the Auxiliary.

Victoria P.S. held a meeting in St. Andrew's Church, June 18th, to receive the reports of Mrs. J. S. Patterson and Mrs. E. McQueen, delegates to the Council meeting in Saskatoon. Two visitors from Toronto, Mrs. Donald, Treasurer of the Council, and Mrs. Mitchell, Recording Secretary of Ontario Provincial were cordially welcomed. Plans of a practical nature are on foot for the furthering of missionary work in the Presbyterial.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—Annual meeting was held recently in the new Presbyterian Church, Kamloops. A large number of delegates were present from Armstrong and Salmon Arm, and also three delegates returning to Vancouver from the meeting of the Council in Saskatoon.

In the absence of the Provincial President, Mrs. Pillar, Mrs. W. J.

White presided. The report of the nominating committee was adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, Kamloops; Secretaries.—Cor., Mrs. D. B. Johnstone, Box 578, Kamloops; Rec., Mrs. F. M. Duchemin, Kamloops; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Clements, Kamloops; Home H., Mrs. J. Gibbs, Vernon; Supply, Mrs. Akett, Armstrong; W. and W., Mrs. Ruddy, Salmon Arm; M. B. and C.G.I.T., Mrs. R. Ferguson; Y.W., Mrs. R. Ferguson, Kamloops.

Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor conducted the installation of officers, and the representative delegate from each Auxiliary gave a brief outline of work accomplished during the year. Mrs. W. J. White gave a report for British Columbia. Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor spoke on organization, from the Auxiliary up to the Council. Delegates gave reports of the Saskatoon meeting. An invitation to hold the next annual meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial at Salmon Arm was accepted.

Vancouver P.S.—Mrs. D. Inglis Grant of Toronto, a member of the Council Executive, spent a few weeks in Vancouver, and while here visited several W.M.S. Auxiliaries. Her presence was much appreciated.

Mrs. C. H. Thorburn of Ottawa who was attending the National Council of Women in Vancouver, gave an interesting address in Central Presbyterian Church on "The Missionary Outlook in Canada" in relation to the W.M.S.

The Treasurer of Kootenay Presbyterial is Mrs. M. J. Boyd, Creston, B.C. not Mrs. Hales as reported in the June issue of *Glad Tidings*.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Executive the formation of two new Auxiliaries was reported: New Denver, with Mrs. M. Doyle as President, and Grand Forks. The delegates to the Council meeting at Saskatoon gave interesting reports.

ONTARIO

MRS. H. H. ALLEN, 112 BEDFORD ROAD, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

A Tribute to the Late Mrs. R. F. Cameron

"She Being Dead, Yet Speaketh"

AT the meeting of Toronto Presbyterial held in Knox Church, Toronto, last February, the beloved President, Mrs. R. F. Cameron of Georgetown, delivered a wonderful address on "Service." Little did the membership think that she was to be called so soon to the "Higher Service." Her many years of active endeavor in our W.M.S. prior to June, 1925, were an inspiration to all associated with her. In June, 1925, Mrs. Cameron resumed the work of the Presidency of Toronto Presbyterial. Under her wise leadership the trying days of reorganization were passed peacefully. In the monthly executive or far-away sectional meeting her personality and her addresses were an inspiration to

all. "In lowliness of mind she did esteem others better than herself." Through all the long weary days of suffering before her happy "Home call," on August 22nd, her loving interest in the work so dear to her never wavered. "For her to live was Christ", and now "to die is gain." Those of us who are left must carry on till in the words of her favorite hymn:

"Morning's joy shall end the night of weeping
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love."

Chatham P.S.—Windsor reports a wonderful shower of books, one hundred were asked for and almost two hundred received. A district convention was held June 14th, in First Church, Chatham. Mrs. Lane told of the Provincial meetings in Toronto while Mrs. Scott, Presbyterian President, gave a vivid account of the Saskatoon meetings and of her visit to South Porcupine Hospital. Her appeal was "we want everybody in the work from the cradle to the grave."

Huron P.S.—Knox Church, Goderich, reports papers being prepared on the Study Book by members who never took part before. The Mission Band bazaar was a great success. **Seaforth**, in place of having a President, has a different committee in charge with Convener presiding. **Clinton**, a Minority Group, has 23 active members and 18 Home Helpers. **Exeter** Auxiliary, in spite of many gaps, is in splendid spirits, while **Auburn** reports everything favorable. **Bayfield** reports the death of Miss Anne Sparks, a life long member, who left a bequest of \$96.25 to her much loved Auxiliary.

Toronto P.S.—Annual meetings of the six rural sections were held during May and June at Dixie, Scarboro, Thornhill, Woodbridge, Whitby and Milton. Everywhere a spirit of friendliness and optimism prevailed and the presence of many young people added much to the interest. In the absence of our President, Mrs. Hiltz gave the President's message on "The World's Greatest Need." Addresses were given by Miss Cameron of South America, Mrs. Henry Ferguson of the China Inland Mission, Miss Gowans of the American Presbyterian Church Mission in China, Miss A. Dickson of South China, Miss Murray, our hospital visitor and Mrs. W. J. Anderson. The district Vice-Presidents are to be congratulated on the splendid meetings.

Superior P.S.—An open Executive meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, June 29th, Mrs. Hogarth, President in the chair. Encouraging reports were read by the Secretaries and an address was given by Rev. A. Boyd. The interest of all present was held by Mrs. Fulton who gave a most heartening account of the Council at Saskatoon.

London P.S.—Seven district meetings were held, beginning June 2nd, in Fingal, Burns Church, Rodney, Ailsa Craig, Komoka, St.

George's, London and Belmont, the district Vice-President presiding. Reports from Auxiliaries showed good work, all allocations accepted, a determined effort is to be made to reach the objective—stress to be laid on the Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The ministers of the Presbytery kindly addressed these district meetings and splendid talks were given by the workers themselves.

Glengarry P.S.—On June 23, 1925, the Glengarry Presbyterial organized in the Presbyterian Church, Maxville, with almost a full representation. The Executive met on January 19, 1926, in St. John's Church, Cornwall, and reported 22 Senior Auxiliaries, 1 Associate Senior Auxiliary, 7 Y. W. Auxiliaries, 1 Young Men's Class, 13 Mission Bands, 107 Home Helpers with a total membership of 1,143, contributing from June 10th to December 31st, \$3,873.63. Excellent reports were received from every department, Minority Groups are all doing a splendid work.

CHANGES FOR ANNUAL REPORT

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IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. Thomas Binnie, by her daughter, Miss Janet Binnie, Burns Aux., Erin; Mrs. James Purdue, First Ch., St. Mary's.

Quebec Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Peter MacDonald, Sunbeam M. B., Milan; Mrs. John Elliot and Mrs. Peter D. McArthur, Georgetown Aux.

CALLED HOME

WALKER.—At Prince Albert, Sask., on August 20th, Margaret, only and well-beloved child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker, aged nine years, and a Life Member of the W.M.S. from the age of five months.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Chatham P.S.—Rutherford M.B.

Glengarry P.S.—“True Blues” Aux., Dalhousie Station.

Guelph P.S.—“Goforth” M.B., Duffs Ch., Morriston P.O.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Micksburg Aux.; Lake Dore Aux.

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw P.S.—St. Paul's Ch. M. B., Moose Jaw; Pambrun M.B.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—“Ephraim Scott” M.B., Prince Albert; North Battleford M.B.

Regina P.S.—Cymric M.B.; Strassburg M.B.

1926-1927 STUDY BOOKS AND HELPS

Adults

Moslem Women, by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Zwemer, paper 60c. cloth	\$.85	Two Young Arabs, by A. E. Zwemer, paper 50c., cloth..	.75
How to Use Moslem Women, by Gertrude Schultz	.20	How to Use Two Young Arabs	.20
The Burning Bush and Canada, by Rev. R. G. McBeth, D.D.		Sheets of pictures—life in Moslem lands	.35
		Cut out sheets, Moslem types	.10
		Map of Moslem world	.60

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How to Use Young Islam on Trek, by Muriel Gray	.25	Thank-offering envelopes, per hundred	.35

Interesting Historical Data

For all who may study the 1926 topic—The Moslem World

Islamic

A.D.

- 570—Mohammed born and died in 632.
 622—The *Hegira* — Flight from Mecca to Medina and this flight dates the beginning of the Moslem era.
 636—Capture of Jerusalem.
 642—Conquest of Persia.
 710-1492—Mohammedan rule in Spain.
 711—Conquest of India.
 732—Battle of Tours—Europe saved from Islam.
 742—First mosque in North China.
 972—El Azhar (Cairo) University founded.
 1453—Capture of Constantinople (Turkey) by Mohammed II.
 1500—Spread of Islam in Siberia.
 1878—Aligarh College (India) founded.
 1924—Caliph Abdul Medjid deposed and Caliphate abolished in April.
 1924—Ibn Saud, the Wahabi, captures Mecca.

Christian Missions to Moslems

A.D.

- 1291—Raymond Lull, first missionary to Moslems, reached Tunis.
 1315—Raymond Lull died June 30.
 1806—Henry Martyn reaches India.
 1847—Dr. Eli Smith begins translation of the Arabic Bible.
 1863—Syrian Protestant College founded at Beirut.
 1866—First Girls' Boarding School at Cairo.
 1869—Cornerstone laid of Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.
 1885—Ion Keith-Falconer begins work at Aden, Arabia.
 1889—The (American) Arabian Mission organized.
 1890—James Cantine, first American missionary to Arabia.
 1891—Bishop Thomas Valpy French died at Muscat.
 1891—Samuel M. Zwemer reached Arabia.
 1917—General Allenby entered Jerusalem on Christmas day.
 1924—Entry into Afghanistan by American missionaries at the invitation of the Amir, on May 19th.

DISTRIBUTION OF MOSLEMS

By Governments

Total Moslems in the world	240,000,000
Moslems under British rule (including Egypt)	105,723,000
“ “ Other Western Governments	94,482,000
“ “ Moslem Governments	27,451,000
“ “ Other Eastern Governments	13,828,929

By Continents

America—North and South	212,000
Australia and Islands	40,000
Europe and Siberia	17,769,957
Africa	59,444,397
Asia and Malaysia	157,336,206

Treasurer's Statement

August 31st, 1926

RECEIPTS

Mrs. Boswell, "Education of Ukrainian Girl"....	\$ 100.00
Alberta Provincial	400.00
Ontario Provincial	4,000.00

\$4,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

South China	\$ 379.16
India	3,294.06
Social Service	299.91
Fort McMurray Hospital Equipment	36.50
South Porcupine Hospital	147.93
Candidate	2.90
New Liskeard School Home	212.61
Publication	91.73
Organization	375.00
Administration	571.71

\$5,411.51

FINANCIAL SURVEY, AUGUST 31st, 1926

Credit Balance, July 31st, 1926	\$75,369.90
Receipts	4,500.00
Disbursements	\$ 5,411.51
General Savings Account	50,539.35
Pension Fund	2,446.40
Sustaining Fund	14,821.36
Legacy Fund	500.00
Credit Balance	6,151.28

\$79,869.90 \$79,869.90

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For list of 1926-27 study book and helps see page 293.

THE GLAD TIDINGS



“And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

THE Dominion Property Commission, Right Hon. Mr. Justice Duff, presiding, on September 22nd, approved the division of foreign mission fields agreed upon by the Mission Boards of the United Church and the Presbyterian Church. The text of the agreement is as follows:

September 20th, 1926.

The Dominion Property Commission,
Gentlemen:—

In behalf of the respective Boards we wish to report as follows, in reference to the division of Foreign Mission Fields as operated by us on June 10th, 1925.

1. TO THE UNITED CHURCH.

- (a) Honan, N. China
- (b) Kwangtung, S. China
- (c) North Korea and Manchuria
- (d) Trinidad
- (e) Central India, exclusive of the Southern Bhil and West Nimar Districts.

2. TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

- (a) N. Formosa
- (b) British Guiana
- (c) Gwalior, India
- (d) South Bhil District and West Nimar Districts, comprising Amkhut, Alirajpur, Jobat, Mendha, Sardi, Barwani.

We therefore request the Commission to effect the transfer of the properties in the areas above named.

Signed on behalf of the respective Boards.

ANDREW S. GRANT.

A. E. ARMSTRONG.

(Passed and proclaimed by Dominion Commission Sept. 22nd, 1926).

There are very many important details which are yet to be worked out which may affect the general arrangements in the different fields.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO US?

That we must now be responsible for maintaining all our women's work—medical, educational and evangelistic—in all these places assigned to us. It will also mean the sending out of new workers.

The Commission has also directed that the Presbyterian Church reimburse the United Church for all money expended on these fields, (now Presbyterian), since June 10th, 1925. This means that the W.M.S.

will also have to pay whatever has been expended on women's work in these fields since June 10, 1925.

The Commission has also asked that Home Mission Boards of both Churches concerned shall, if possible, get together and come to an agreement about the mission property in Canada held by the Home Mission Board and the Women's Missionary Society. These conferences are now in progress and announcement will be made when a conclusion is reached and the Commission has found upon it.



MISS AGNES JEAN DULMAGE, B.A.
of South China

On September 28th, at Hong Kong, China, Agnes Jean Dulmage, our beloved South China missionary, passed from service here to service yonder. We knew that she had been critically ill, and prayed that she might live. But God had other plans for her and she has heard His "Well done, good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Miss Dulmage was born in Kirkton, Ontario, and received her education in Harriston High School and Toronto University, from which she graduated in arts in 1909. She taught in Westminster Ladies' College, Toronto, and also in Midland High School.

On September, 1915, Miss Dulmage went to South China as a missionary under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. She had great ability as a teacher, and as principal of the Girls' Boarding School in Kong Moon, South China, she had wide scope for her gifts.

Miss Dulmage possessed a singularly sweet disposition, and was endowed with an unusually high sense of her duty as a missionary. In the Boarding School, she ruled by love and the girls, of whom there were over a hundred, loved and respected her, and when the unrest in China became acute they proved their loyalty by refusing to leave her until the authorities ordered them all to vacate the school.

When the Presbyterian Missionary Institutions in South China had to be closed, the offer came to Miss Dulmage to take up educational work in Hong Kong under the Anglican Church, and the W.M.S. gladly loaned her to the Diocesan Girls' School at Kowloon, Hong Kong, until

conditions became settled, we paying her salary, and it being refunded us by that Board. Miss Dulmage was Head Mistress of this school and was very glad, in these troublous and unsettled times in China to be engaged in Christian work in China and as a recognized missionary of the Presbyterian W.M.S.

The deep sympathy of the W.M.S. is extended to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dulmage of 113 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, to her three sisters and her co-workers who mourn with us the passing of one whose whole life was a "sweet, uplifting ministry."

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD OF JAPAN has just sent us a statistical report of the year's work of the Night School for Factory Girls in Tokyo, in which our Society is interested and to which it gives a yearly grant of \$2,000. Commenting on the results Miss Macdonald says, "I believe we are going to be able to do a rather remarkable piece of pioneer work in this line as the days go by". The following figures certainly warrant such a conclusion:—

Regular weekly meetings (No. of persons) 5,712; Women Workers' Night School (No. of persons) 6,830; special consultations (No. of persons) 697; special meetings (No. of persons) 5,274; over night guests (one person one night) 1,134; total number of persons 19,647; total number of meetings 638; average attendance at meetings 28; average attendance per day 53; average number of family per day 14; average cost per person per day Yen .62.

A CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL OF MISSIONS has been held in Chalmers Church, Toronto, for three consecutive years. It lasts for six weeks, and its object is, "to study the supreme problem of the Church—Missions." The School is sponsored by the Congregational Missionary Committee, and is for "all members, adherents, and friends of Chalmers Church, juniors and intermediate departments". A programme based on text-books dealing with world-wide missionary progress and specific work in individual fields is considered in group study, the work in individual countries being made vivid by inspiring addresses by missionaries and outstanding clergymen. This Church has learned a great truth—that the study of missions puts new life and interest into a Church and leads to practical and devoted service.

MISS BERTHA W. ROBSON of Amkhut, India, just home on furlough, was a welcome visitor at the Council Executive meeting, October 5th. Dr. Jessie MacBean of South China, who was summoned home on account of the serious illness of her mother, was also present. Other

welcome overseas missionaries were our own Miss Ethel Reid, of South China, and Rev. F. C. Vesey of Korea.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE the resignation of Mrs. A. R. Riddell from the Council Executive. Mrs. Riddell's long experience in Mission Band work made her very valuable, and we are delighted to know that, though not enrolled as a Council member, her advice and help will still be at our service.

Tributes to the Late Miss Agnes Jean Dulmage

BY FOUR OF HER MISSIONARY CO-WORKERS IN SOUTH CHINA

"AMONG the many outstanding qualities of a beautiful life and character I would mention Miss Dulmage's devotion to duty expressed in her words, 'If one is sure of one's duty it must be done no matter what the cost,' her high conception of her missionary calling and its obligation, her consuming desire that Christ might be magnified in every detail of her life, especially before her students, her quick sympathy and thoughtfulness, her humility, gentleness and willingness to yield to the wishes of others, except where principle was involved then she knew no compromise."—*Agnes I. Dickson.*

"To know Miss Dulmage was to love her. And we who knew and worked with her in South China know something of the wealth of love she poured into her work, and the harvest of love she gathered in from all the lives she touched. Life was very brief for her. Some one has said, 'Life is brief, but it is long enough if lived well, and after all he lives long who lives well.' Miss Dulmage set for herself the high standard of living of two thousand years ago—'Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.' Such living leads at last in victorious service to immortal triumph. She has passed from mortal gaze, but the incense of her life remains. Our hearts are sad to say good-by for the 'little while' but we look forward with joy to the glad morning when we shall all foregather in our Father's house to go no more out forever."—*Jessie A. MacBean, M.D.*

"Her life touched sympathetically and vitally so many people and her going leaves a great blank in many lives. Her calm strength came from humble and complete dependence on God's guidance in every detail of her life. To know and do His will was always uppermost in her mind."—*Ethel C. Reid.*

"The passing of Miss Dulmage to a higher sphere of service brings a keen sense of loss to her fellow workers. Hers was a life of sweetness and beauty, of unselfish service and devotion to the cause of One whose life she exemplified."—*Luella I. Crockett.*

Information on the Korean Question

THE idea is in the minds of mis-informed friends that the whole of Korea and also the Korean Presbyterian Church, in its entirety, have been given over to the care of the United Church of Canada.

This is quite incorrect. The Presbyterian Church in Canada was, up to June 1925, only caring for a small portion of the territory and population of Korea. The field actually under the care of the Presbyterian Church of Canada was in the north-east, about one eighth of the whole of Korea, and in population, about one ninth of the whole of the Peninsula.

There are other Presbyterian Missions working in Korea:—*viz.*

The Northern Presbyterian Church Mission, U.S.A.

The Southern Presbyterian Church Mission, U.S.A.

The Australian Presbyterian Church Mission.

These Missions, with the Canadian Presbyterian Church Mission have founded the Korean Presbyterian Church, which functions as a Native Church, according to the Presbyterian Church Rule and Order, as in the Home Churches.

The taking over, by the United Church of Canada, of the territory and population, once cared for by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, does not, and cannot affect the status and doctrine of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. For this reason, that Church is comprised of Native ordained ministers, and elders, and the baptised Church members, who direct, control and order all its affairs, and the missionaries of the various missionary bodies working in Korea are members of this Native Presbyterian Church only by virtue of their standing in their own Churches in their homelands. Moreover, these missionaries can only hold office in an official capacity in the Native Church's Sessions, Presbyteries and Assemblies, upon nomination, election and consent of this Native (Korean) Presbyterian Church as it decides in its Church Courts.

A few statistics may clarify the situation, approximate figures are given as presented a year or so ago.

	Missionaries and Wives	Native Preachers and Workers	Preaching Stations	Baptized Membership	Adherents
Northern Presbyterian Mission (U.S.A.)	151	680	1,332	45,000	95,000
Southern Presbyterian Mission (U.S.A.)	83	302	593	15,000	35,000
Australian Presbyterian Mission	37	63	220	5,500	12,000
Canadian Presbyterian Mission	50	186	363	7,000	18,000
	321	1,231	2,508	72,500	160,000

So it will be seen that the work under the care of the Canadian Church was less than one sixth of the whole. But that, being a part of the whole Korean Presbyterian Church, can do no other than continue to be, as in the past, a vital member of the greater Presbyterian Church in Korea and also in all the world.

As we have said, this Native Korean Presbyterian Church governs its affairs, without the superintendence or even direction of the Presbyterian Missionary Body, except inasmuch as they are co-workers in the Kingdom of God and occupy the offices of the Church by the election and permission of the Korean Church members, in their Church Courts. This Korean Church elects its own Moderators, and Officials just as our Home Churches do, and ordained missionaries working in the Korean Field have to be nominated and elected by the Native Church Courts to enable them to be the representatives of that Church at the General Assemblies.

Therefore let all friends in the Presbyterian Church in Canada remember that the Presbyterian Church in Korea will continue on its way—unchanged and un-affected as it has been for over thirty years. It still needs the prayers and kindly interest of God's people, everywhere. Moreover, all the gifts, prayers, and efforts that have been sacrificially made on behalf of the work of Christ among the Korean people, have all been a blessed investment for the Kingdom of Christ and will continue in the future, as in the past, to bring forth abundant fruit to the glory of God.

Significant Statements

BY THE DIWAN, SIR T. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARYA OF INDIA

*Extracts from an address given to representative men of our
Canadian Churches and Mission Boards in Toronto*

"I REALIZE how big a place the churches of Canada have in the lives of the inhabitants of Canada. Personally, I am glad to say I have been in fairly close touch with Christian missions in India. I was myself educated, in the early years of my life, in the Wesleyan Mission School, and I still call myself an old Wesleyan boy. I recently presided at the Centenary Celebration of the school. I have always had an affectionate regard for Christian missions. I am not a Christian myself, but we entertain an enormous regard and respect for the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ to the Indian, is a figure to conjure with, and year after year only brings Him into greater relief in that country."

"There are things which cannot be tested by figures. He would be a bold man who would venture to measure the extent and influence of

Christian missions, for the things of the spirit can never be brought into statistical tables. Christian missions have contributed notably to the spiritual thought and the spiritual life of India. Christianity, perhaps, in the past in India, suffered from the fact that it came, not as the religion of the humble Fishermen of Galilee, but as that of the Conqueror of India. India has very great respect and regard and affection for Christ, for the religion of Christ, for the religion, not of the crown, but of the cross, not of high places and of fine linen, but of Him who had no where to lay His head."

"I am not very much interested in doctrinal points. My religion is this—to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly in the sight of my God. That is a definition with which neither the Hindu nor the Christian would quarrel."

"It is the influence of Christian teaching and Christian missions which always floats as an ideal in the imagination of the Indian people that has had a great deal to do with the change of Hindu thought and in the Hindu high caste attitude toward social work."

"I am fully in accord with the leading objects of Christian missions. I feel that the Christian missionaries in India are doing a very great deal of unselfish work and the leading Christian missionaries in many parts of India have taken an active part in bringing the ideals of the British Empire before India. We are all citizens of a common empire, of which we are immensely proud. When the Empire's interests as a whole demand it, I am prepared to give up Indian interests and prepared to say Indian interests must take a back seat on this occasion. I hope you gentlemen here, as the followers of Jesus, find it easy to teach and practise such doctrines."

Fort McMurray

(Continued from October Glad Tidings)

McMurray's Salt Industry

McMURRAY is noted to-day for the fact that it is supplying western Canada with western produced salt. The farmer on the prairie to-day makes his butter, his cheese, feeds his stock and keeps it in condition with the aid of McMurray salt. A visit to the plant, situated some half mile out of the town, is an eye-opener. Imagine a modern up-to-date plant, located on the bank of the Athabaska River, miles from the outside, approached by a main road, well built and graded, yet cut entirely out of a deposit of asphaltic tar sands, which as the sun gathers strength, loosens and slides, seeping oil onto the grade, compelling much work in the spring to make travel possible. A simple process, apparently, this extraction of salt from the mother earth. All that is visible is just an ordinary derrick and buildings covering a 600 foot well, reaching into an immense deposit of native salt. Into this fresh

water is pumped and salt brine pumped out. This is run into tanks over lime, rerun into hot steaming flat baths, where the brine is cooked and evaporated and the salt residue is shoveled up, screened and dried, graded as to quality and sacked. Then it starts on its 300-mile trip to the farmers of the south.

It is hauled three miles by wagon to the railhead, a condition which should not be, for the rail, ofttime promised McMurray, still lingers three miles to the east. So the salt industry suffers a handicap, which it is not right that pioneer industry should suffer, for with rail at its door, possible to build for a paltry \$100,000.

The salt industry, which at present cannot commence to supply the local Alberta demand alone, even though it ships three carloads a week, which means 100,000 pounds of salt a week could double and treble its output, repay the people of Alberta in two years freight with the cost of the rail extension to the mines and at the same time add another 100 souls to the population of McMurray. Then the grade is almost completed today and all that is required is the laying of steel.

Tar Sands of McMurray

Much has been written about the tar sands of McMurray. They are looked upon with awe by all who have viewed the 60 odd miles of river banks, showing dark and black, seeping oil and asphalt in the hot summers' sun. Oil for the empire, road material for the multitude, such is how they are described, yet they still await the advent of the capital which will eventually turn them to the profit of the west. It's a great potential industry, is the tar sand prospect. Worked here and there, even by the little man with his meagre capital and resources. Engineers yearly visit them, developing information and mapping areas, all preparatory to the day when the western world will say to McMurray: "Give us oil, road material and gas." It's a rich country which surrounds McMurray. To the west on the Athabaska a short trip brings one within the sound of the roar of burning gas from the Pelican well. Along the banks of the river, stones set here and there in cooking circles denote the fact that the traveler up stream scorns wood or other fuel to cook his meagre repast. Why should he use such, when with a touch of a match, the gas catches fire, bubbling right out of the ground and the pot is boiled.

A Scenic Centre

McMurray, chosen for grim purposes of business in the olden days by the Hudson's Bay Company, set high on the banks of majestic rivers, has a beauty all its own. Creeks, teeming with fish, cut through the tar sands stratas on their rush to the Arctic waters. Timbered benches form the haven for many a moose and deer. Fur abounds along the waterways, and here and there a small clearing denotes the fact that

here a homesteader is engaged in betting the government that he can stay on the ground and make it profitable. It is true he only invests \$10 in cash, but then count up the effort, the years of toil and it seems as if he should get a better bargain. Yes, the ground is being tilled at McMurray, produce is being grown, gardens sprout out in all kinds of colors during the short summer season and northern vegetables grace the table of home and hotel. McMurray is a scenic centre well worth a visit.

Fisheries of the North

Yesterday the fisheries of Lac La Biche, Buffalo Lake and many another body of water to the south, sent their products to the markets of Chicago and the east. They do it still today, yet progress is reaching out to the north for more and better fish and so Athabaska Lake, 300 miles to the north of McMurray is to be fished in 1926 by the McInnes Fish Company. Another industry for McMurray, for already ice houses, warehouses and other essentials have been erected at the railway head. Already plans are under way for the installation of refrigeration scows on the Athabaska River, which will bring the plentiful lake trout and white fish of Lake Athabaska way down and over the great beyond to the tables of the east. McMurray thus adds one more industry to its others. The fish caught this summer at Lake Athabaska will be shipped in refrigerated scows up the Athabaska, landed at McMurray at the head of steel, transported over the A. and G. W. railway and its connections to the eastern market.

Good Place to Watch

McMurray is a good place to keep an eye on. It is perhaps a town where the chance of growing up with a new centre is equally as favorable as the chances were when Edmonton was young. Whether the north progresses fast or slow is the only gamble that McMurray is taking, for the north is a new and unknown land, it is one of the many possibilities, it must come into its own. When it does so McMurray will share.

—F. S. WRIGHT in the *Edmonton Journal*.

FOR THE FINANCE COMMISSION

I am twenty-five cents.

I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.

I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.

I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.

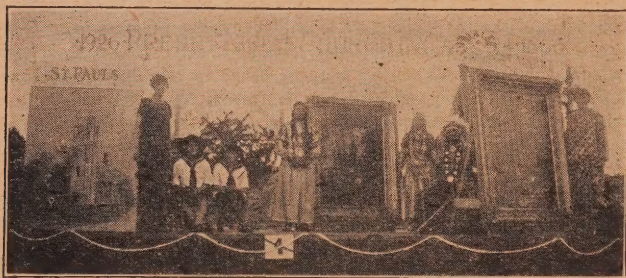
I am too small to buy a ticket to a movie.

I am hardly fit for a tip, but—believe me, when I go to Church on Sunday I am considered some money.—*Christian Observer*.

Prince Albert Honors Its Founder—James Nisbet

MISS VIOLET SCOTT

SIXTY years ago James Nisbet, a staunch Presbyterian from Scotland, came to this north country and founded the city of Prince Albert, Sask., also laying the foundation of a strong Presbyterian Church in the community. It has grown with the years until now St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and manse is a property of which we can be justly proud, and which was saved from the Union by the loyal support of



HISTORICAL FLOAT PREPARED BY ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
PRINCE ALBERT

her people to the doctrines and principles for which our Presbyterian Church stands.

This year in commemoration of the founder, James Nisbet, the city had a pageant at the fair representing the old days and the gradual growth until now.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church has been so vitally a part of the life and growth of the city that our people decided to be represented by a float.

Belonging to the Church are two beautiful oil paintings, one of James Nisbet, and the other of Lucy Baker, the first missionary to the Sioux Indians here. These were used on the float, the oldest Indian on the reserve proudly sat beside the Lucy Baker picture, while two young Indian girls supported it. Two Girl Guides held the other, while a splendid sketch of St. Paul's Church as it is to-day was made by one of the young ladies of the congregation and had its place with the other pictures. In the centre was the Burning Bush, our emblem, around which were grouped little children with their pastor, Rev. J. R.

Graham. Over all floated the blue and white banner, 1866—Presbyterian Church in Canada—1926.

As the float drove slowly past the grandstand illuminated by the spot-lights it made a wonderfully stirring and effective sight and was greeted with cheer on cheer from many glad hearts, while the band played that beloved old hymn, "O God of Bethel."

Happy Experiences Among the Chinese Women in Saskatchewan

MISS ETHEL C. REID

AFTER the Council meeting in Saskatoon, at the request of Mrs. Walter Martin of Regina, I was asked by our Council Executive to remain for a time in Saskatchewan and visit Chinese women scattered throughout the province. Mrs. Martin, who has long been interested in the Chinese and is looked upon by those of them who know her as a genuine friend, helped me to get in touch with these women. It was not easy to get accurate information, but in various ways we succeeded in locating over twenty.

Many live in small towns, the only Chinese woman in the place. This means loneliness, for often their knowledge of English is very meagre, and they rarely see a woman of their own race. Usually I found them very friendly and responsive and their men-folk quite grateful for my visit. Sometimes there was some suspicion as to my motive in visiting them, but a few remarks in their own tongue telling them of the years I had spent in Kong Moon and Shek-Ki usually set their minds at rest and they were ready to welcome me.

If, upon enquiry, I found that the district from which they had come was one with which I was familiar, there was a bond at once. It was like seeing "some one from home." In some cases I could even tell them I had visited their own village and we could then speak of mutual acquaintances.

A few of these women had lived in Vancouver or Victoria before their marriage and have a fair knowledge of English, and have heard the Gospel as they came in contact with mission work there. Many, however, are just as ignorant of our religion as if they had never left their own heathen village in China. They know so little English that they could get nothing from a church service even if they did attend. The children however are learning English and there is the hope that through the Sunday Schools they may be reached and in turn influence the parents. Much depends on the Sunday School teacher.

The homes I visited varied considerably. Some were clean, nicely

furnished and the housekeeping arrangements were much after our Canadian fashion. Others were untidy and unattractive. In one nice home they had an electric washer, electric fan, and a fine radio, as well as a good car. Several keep cars and one young wife in Regina drives her own.

Most of the men are willing and anxious for their wives to learn English and to become more or less Canadianized, but some prefer to keep them in seclusion and discourage any efforts to help them. In one home I found two wives, the second, quite a young girl, having been taken at the request of the older woman who was childless. In another home the wife told me quietly while her husband was absent from the room, that she is a Christian at heart but because of great opposition on the part of her husband she cannot openly confess Christ.

In every place I visited I tried to give the Gospel message. It is not easy to do much in one call. I left simple Chinese books and tracts in every home, with the prayer that they may bear fruit. Many of the women cannot read their own language. One woman, who can speak English quite fluently but cannot read either English or Chinese, told me that her husband was quite willing to teach her to read Chinese but she had been too indifferent to study. Another man said that his wife was too "stupid" to learn. This remark would not have seemed out of the way in China, but coming from a man who has taken a Scotch surname, who has a radio, and takes his wife out in a car, it sounded a bit strange. However, his wife took it quite placidly.

In Maryfield, Sask., I spent a pleasant day with Mrs. Farn, who is a graduate of our Kong Moon Boarding School. Her husband is an earnest Christian, and it was a happy experience to visit their home. They were rejoicing in news they had received from China, that Mr. Farn's parents had recently been baptized. Mr. Farn became a Christian in Canada some years before his marriage, and at first his parents had been much opposed.

In all the places I visited I called at the other Chinese cafés and laundries as well, leaving literature and trying to give the Gospel message. I found many of the men quite responsive. A number had formerly attended Sunday Schools. I heard many sad stories. One man, a discouraged Christian, showed me letters from home telling of the kidnapping of his only son by robbers, who also killed his mother who was trying to save this little grandson. The ransom demanded was quite beyond his means so he never expects to see his child again. Another told me of the death of his father. He had been killed by robbers in a recent attack on his village.

Sometimes in speaking to these Chinese of the claims of Christ, I found indifference and a cynical attitude because of what they had seen

in our so-called Christian Canada. They had judged us and found as wanting. One Christian Chinese told me how sad it made him to see Canadians indifferent to the Church and forgetful of God, despising their heritage, as he expressed it.

Jubilee of the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.)

ORGANIZED OCTOBER 13th, 1876

MRS. WILLIAM MACNAB, EDITOR *The Presbyterian Message*

THE Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) was held in the Presbyterian Church, Halifax, N.S., on September 22nd and 23rd, the Jubilee celebration taking place at the afternoon and evening sessions of the 22nd.

The afternoon meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers", and a prayer service of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, Who has guided and blessed us these fifty years.

The President, Mrs. Moore, in her address referred to three historic meetings of the Society which had been held in this old city by the sea. The first in St. Matthew's Church, Barrington Street, when the Society started, the second on its twenty-fifth anniversary, in St. Andrew's Church, Tobin Street, and the third, here in the Presbyterian Church, where we now celebrate the Jubilee of our Society—fifty years of unbroken work, of wonderful growth, of broadening vision, of increase in faith and consecration to Christian service.

Following this able address came a message from our loved and revered Dr. Ephraim Scott, wishing us the continuance of God's guidance, and a multitude of workers. Letters of greeting were also received from Mrs. Archibald Gunn, who had been present at the organization of the Society and Mrs. Macdonald, two of our oldest members, who through ill health were unable to be present, and from Mrs. Sharp of Montreal, President of the Quebec Provincial W.M.S. (W.D.). Mrs. Shaw, Halifax, brought warm greetings from the W.A. of the Anglican Church. Miss Graham brought cordial greetings from the Baptist Missionary Society, and also from the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, expressing again their deep sympathy with the Presbyterian Church in the recent division and passing on to us a message recently given to them, "God is in the midst of us, ever our Refuge and our Strength." These greetings were received with deep appreciation.

The address of welcome from the Halifax Auxiliary was given by Mrs. W. R. Foote, President of the Auxiliary. Mrs. J. W. MacLean of North Sydney, N.S., replied.

The President then called to the platform Miss Kate Hill, one of the

original members of the Society who told of the first meeting. She was given a great ovation.

This meeting was also addressed by the Rev. Luther Young of Korea, and the Rev. F. Macintosh, Home Mission Secretary in the Maritime Synod. Mr. Young confirmed what our President had told us regarding what missions would be ours.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

The preparation of a history of the activities of the W.M.S. for the fifty years had been given to Miss McCulloch and myself. These histories will appear later in pamphlet form.

The Society was organized in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on October 13th, 1876. There had long been a strong feeling in favor of some such movement, and as Mrs. Burns, our first President, had recently come from Ontario, she was no doubt in touch with the work of the women there and was probably influenced and encouraged by the organization of the western W.M.S., which had taken place some months earlier. Mrs. Burns and her husband, Rev. Dr. Burns, of Fort Massy Church, Halifax, rendered great service to the new Society. They were ably assisted by a noble band of women, the majority of whom have been called to higher service.

EVENING MEETING

The public celebration of the Jubilee was on Wednesday evening and the devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor of the Church, Rev. Colin Kerr, D.D.

It was a great honor and pleasure to have with us the Moderator of General Assembly, Dr. McGillivray, who delivered a splendid address. He spoke of the tragedy of the year of re-construction, but with gratitude to God for the fine spirit shown by our people and for the marvellous way in which our Church is rising again. He brought to us the greetings from the Church and congratulated us on our fifty years of service. He referred briefly to some of the outstanding men that had gone, the Rev. Drs. Burns, MacGregor, C. B. Pitblado and C. M. Grant, and of their great work.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (W.D.)

The greetings from our western sisters were brought by Mrs. Daniel Strachan, who is a very impressive and eloquent speaker. "Jubilees do not come often", she said, "but when they come they are very solemn things". She referred briefly to those who laid the foundation of our work and expressed the hope that the Women's Missionary Society would go on increasing and prospering greatly from west to east. In a graphic way she told of the work being done by the W.M.S. in the west and it filled

our hearts with joy that you had been able to re-establish and re-construct your work to such a marvellous extent.

MISS BLACKADDER

As Miss Blackadder, our first missionary, rose to speak the Assembly stood to do her honor. Miss Blackadder went to Trinidad fifty years ago and gave thirty-eight years of service there. She referred briefly to her work, giving great praise to Mrs. Morton, senior, who is still there, and to Rev. Dr. Grant, now in Halifax. She also told of her work among the girls, giving instances of two Chinese girls who had trained for nurses, one studied medicine, and who are doing good work among their own people.

This Jubilee meeting was closed by the Moderator of our Maritime Synod, Rev. Robert Johnstone, D.D., who brought the greetings of Synod, and congratulated us on our Jubilee and our work.

On Thursday Mrs. Strachan read the telegram which she had received telling of the division of the foreign mission fields and explained the situation.

We closed our sessions Thursday evening, feeling assured that our Jubilee meeting had been a great success and would result in increased activity among all our members.

Re-Opening of the Kindergarten in the Chinese Presbyterian Mission, Victoria

MRS. E. MACQUEEN

“THE re-opening of the work of the Chinese Mission in Victoria took place on September 7th at ten o'clock in the morning when a commission of the Victoria Presbytery met for the opening exercises of the kindergarten.

Rev. J. S. Patterson, Moderator of the Presbytery, presided, and Clerk of Presbytery, Mr. T. Humphries, was present. A large delegation of the women of the Victoria Presbyterial W.M.S. was present, and many Chinese women, the mothers of the little children assembled to begin the work of the new term. After singing hymn, “The Church’s One Foundation”, and prayer by Mr. Humphries, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, returned missionaries from Africa, were introduced and spoke a word of cheer and encouragement to the children.

Dr. Clay presented greetings from the Presbytery and their very best wishes to Mrs. Macqueen and the other workers for the very best year in their history. Mrs. Gillespie, on behalf of the women of the Victoria Presbyterial, assured the Mission of the continued interest and good wishes of the Women’s Missionary Society. Dr. Clay, at the request of the Moderator, then introduced Miss Scott, who has been placed in charge

of the kindergarten and music departments, assuring the audience that he had known Miss Scott from a little child and was very pleased to commend her to their loving and loyal support in the work she was about to undertake.

All joined heartily in singing the children's hymn, "Jesus Loves Me", after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. Macqueen. The visitors then departed, leaving the kindergarten in charge of Miss Scott and her assistant, Miss Lily Chan. The latter was warmly complimented by the Presbytery upon the very efficient manner in which she had interpreted the proceedings of the morning."

An Incident in Jewish Work

"Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion for the time to favor her, yea the set time has come."—Ps. 102:13.

MISS DANIELDA McDONALD

ONE day as I was passing along the street I met a Jew whom I had known but slightly. He gave me a very friendly greeting, saying, "You never come to see us any more." "O yes," I replied, "I've been several times to see your wife but you have always been out." He urged me to come the following Saturday promising that he would be at home.

When I called he welcomed me cordially, invited me in and after some general conversation showed me a *History of the Bible* in a number of beautifully bound volumes. He is a clever man and was well versed in Bible history although he did not have a copy of the Bible itself. Before I left he asked if I would give him a Bible and a New Testament, and bring my English Bible with me when I came again.

Such an opportunity does not come often and is eagerly grasped, so after waiting earnestly on God I went again to his home where I was gladly welcomed by the man on behalf of himself, and his wife and all his household, and urged to come in.

It was not long before the Bible was brought out, and I asked him what had impressed him most as he read it. He said the books of Kings and Jeremiah had interested him greatly. We talked of Ahab and Jezebel, the famine in Samaria and the slaughter of the prophets of Baal. He turned to Jeremiah and spoke of the awful slaughter of Rachael's children, then from the New Testament I showed him the record of the prophecy fulfilled. He was amazed to find it there. From this I led him on to the fulfilment of other prophecies recorded in the New Testament, showing how it tells of the birth, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah of the Jewish people. When I asked what he thought of the New Testament, his reply was, "I do not believe it, neither does my wife, the birth of Christ as

described there could never have been". And he went on to tell of articles he had read that said Jesus was only a man like any other man.

I told him such teaching could only be of satan and reminded him of God's promises to Abraham and David, of the prophecies in Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, in Micah and Zechariah, and that in the New Testament is recorded the fulfilment of them all, finally repeating to him the words of John 3:16.

He was mystified and still doubting as he closed our talk by calling on his wife to make us a cup of tea. The cup of tea was a refuge frequently resorted to whenever he felt himself being defeated by the truth and by the power of God during the eight months we studied together.

God's holy spirit was working in the man's heart and, in spite of all the objections he sought to raise, the light was beginning to dawn. One afternoon when we had been studying the life of St. Paul, he seemed more deeply touched and impressed though still hesitating for, as he said, "If I believe I will have to leave the city." But the glad day came at last, all barriers of doubt were broken down and the man was constrained to confess his faith and to say, "I do believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour."

OUR LETTER BOX

Montreal

"From July 14th to September 4th I made 240 calls. That may not seem a large number but, in Montreal, the distances are so great that much time is spent in overtaking even one or two. Then one often has to return to a house a number of times before getting in and then maybe find the people are not there at all. For that reason I consider it very necessary to verify the addresses before sending them out. Any spare time I have during the week, after all my calls are made, I devote to Dr. Hill in Verdun, assisting him with his visiting. Verdun is growing immensely. It is populated largely with Scotch people, and more Britishers are settling there than in any other part of the city."

—Miss Iris C. Munro.

Gonor, Manitoba

"Two weeks ago I gave two days to visiting in Ashfield district. This is a farming community to the east of the Main River highway. The school house is about five miles from our place. It took me an hour to reach it, going the prairie trail. This field was one of the stations of

Little Britain, services being held in the school room. Two local ladies conducted a successful Sunday School with an enrollment of seventy scholars. The population is mixed but there are more Scotch Canadian families than along the river where I work.

My canvass of the district revealed that the majority of the families are anxious to have a teaching service for old and young commenced again in English. I got over forty names the first day of young people who would attend, and I had only canvassed ten families, four of these Ruthenian. I have the offer of a private house to re-open beyond the Gonor school.

Miss Lamont did splendid service and was much appreciated. She was our guest from Thursday to Tuesday morning and we had so much in common that it was a rare and precious experience to us."

—Mrs. M. Mackenzie.

The following newspaper clipping entitled "East Selkirk Notes" which accompanied this letter speaks for itself.

"The Segel Bros. have erected a large platform covered by canvas where the young people enjoy dancing. A Winnipeg orchestra supplies the music. This is located in the midst of the village. Sunday seems to be a day of merry-making, instead of a day of rest or worshipful service."

Algoma.

"At Sault Ste. Marie a beautiful Church was built this summer at a cost of \$50,000, by those who withdrew from St. Paul's Church.

The Summer School at Pumpkin Point was a splendid success for a first attempt. Rev. W. M. McKey is a great general and was a father to us all. The thing that impressed me most was their fine spirit of co-operation; everybody, young and old, wanted to do their part to make the school a success. All the work, even to the cooking, was done by the members of the school. There were sixty registered delegates and about one hundred and fifty at the evening sessions around the camp-fire. At the close of the Summer School I visited the Presbyterians in the following places:

Sowerby, about sixty miles from the camp and the summer home of Mrs. McAlpine who made the request for a helper. There I made a personal visit in nearly all the homes—about fifteen.

Nesterville, ten miles away, where I visited six families in a Catholic community. One woman said to me, "O, I am so hungry for a good service". Two others said, "I am so glad some one has come that believes as we do". We had a meeting in that little village the next day and organized a Bible reading class, to meet every Wednesday evening. Mr. Hamilton, a student, had given them two services during the summer.

Thessalon, my sympathy went out to them in a peculiar way. They

seemed glad to have some one to whom they could open their heart. Only three families left, five members in the church and four in their Missionary Society and they meet every month, one woman in the country cannot get in but she sends her money. They are praying earnestly that something will happen that they will yet have a Church of their own. They are now meeting in the Baptist Church.”

—Miss Jean B. Lamont.

Winnipeg.

“During June, July and up to August 21st we received altogether 794 names. Since then 600 names have been received. Of these forty-six came under the auspices of the Land Settlement Branch; 345 under the C.N.R. Colonization; forty-six under C.N. Resources; nine under the Salvation Army; three under the Government Hostel for Women; and to given addresses 151. This is approximately. When I receive the lists I make three divisions of them. All of those who are outside of the city, but in the Winnipeg Presbyterial, and all who come under the auspices of the various colonizing agencies with offices in the city, I send to Mrs. Lillie, Presbyterial Secretary. All the names outside of the Winnipeg Presbyterial and in the Brandon Presbyterial I send to Mrs. Payne, Provincial Secretary. All the names of those settling in the city I keep myself and visit as soon as possible. Mrs. Lillie gets the location, when possible, of those settled by the colonizing agencies. She then sends the address to an organized group of Presbyterians in that district, if there be one near. If not she writes to them herself.

After I visit the people who settle in the city I send a report to Mrs. Lillie. I shall quote from her letter, “When you have reported the names to me they are sent to the various Church secretaries, the minister, and very often also handed to the elder for the district. I have good reason to believe that quite a number of people will unite with the various Churches this fall through being got in touch with in this way.”

In visiting those who settle in the city I find that the most of them are Presbyterians and wish to so continue, and it is with these that a great deal of work for the Church can now be done. They are given a card telling them where the nearest Presbyterian place of worship is. They are also visited by people from the Church. In many cases this is greatly appreciated, and results in their coming to our Church.

In addition to my work as immigration worker I have also done some visiting for the various Churches. There are six congregations. We also have a Presbyterian Girls' Old Country Club. The name explains it.”

—Miss Sarah M. Livingstone,

Deaconess-at-large and Welfare Worker.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"MOSLEM WOMEN"

THE aim of the study is not to arouse hostility towards Islam, but friendship for Moslems.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Hymn*—"God is Working His Purpose Out" v. 1 and 2. *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* page 325). Have President introduce authors of the book—(see foreword). *Illustrations*—The Moslem World To-Day—(Illustrate with map round which are placed pictures of present day Moslem women. *Talk on Study Topic*—"Mohammed—His Religion Past and Present." (Chap. 1). Have a member close the study by giving Moslem call to prayer (pp. 35). *Hymn*—same v. 3, 4 and 5. *Have an outline map* of Asia, Africa and Europe, and let one member color it green as another tells of the spread of Mohammedanism or *impersonate a traveller* and let her picture the Moslem children she has seen in Egypt, Turkey, India, Persia, Arabia. *Business. Roll call. Offering. Prayer*—for all Moslem women.

C. G. I. T.

And Other Teen-Age Organizations

W M.S. affiliation blanks for teen-age girls' organizations were sent out in October to the Provincial C.G.I.T. Secretaries in each province

WHITE forms are for C.G.I.T. Groups.

BLUE forms are for Girl Guides, Senior Bands, Junior Auxiliaries, Organized Classes, etc. It is urged that all these organizations link up their missionary endeavor through affiliation with the W.M.S.

In Manitoba, Mrs. Kernaghan invited all girls' groups in Winnipeg Presbyterial to send representatives to a meeting at her home on October 4th, where they met in a round table conference with Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wheeler and the Provincial to discuss affiliation with the W.M.S.

The C.G.I.T. Groups in British Columbia and Saskatchewan have been the first to respond to the request for pictures of their work which, later, we hope to arrange in a series of lantern slides. These pictures came from Miss Mary Herd, Westminster Presbyterial, and from Mrs. Patterson of Parkview Church, Saskatoon.

Attention is drawn to the pictures and description of the Presbyterian float at the Prince Albert celebration. This may be found on

page 308 and shows the part taken by the Girl Guides of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert.

Mrs. Smith, C.G.I.T. Secretary for Toronto P.S., has called a Rally of teen-age organizations on October 22nd in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Miss Edith A. Sinclair has started her field work among the young people of Saugeen Presbyterian.

Corn roasts and hikes have been popular during this season of the year.

The C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox Church, Harriston, went to Clifford on Rally Sunday, September 25th, and were the choir for the Church service. Besides leading in the singing, they sang two anthems. Edith Sinclair, leader of the senior group, gave the address.

From Orillia comes the good news that one hundred teen-age girls are organized into six C.G.I.T. Groups and ready for work.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for November

THE time has come for our boys and girls and their three Moslem friends to say good-bye to India and start on another long journey by the fastest of all ways—the imagination—first by steamer and then with a caravan on a long wearisome trip on camel-back to the city of Kerman, Persia.

It will be interesting to know that Mohammed when a young man was in charge of a desert caravan. He talked often with Christians and Jews but in the end he founded a new form of religious worship which the boys and girls will already have learned in their travels is not one to make people contented and happy, quite the contrary. Persia is interesting too, because it was one of the first countries to become Christian, but the members will be particularly delighted to visit the land because Esther, the Jewish maiden, was queen of that powerful kingdom.

The suggested Bible lesson will tell the story of how Queen Esther saved her people, the Jews, from death when she went unbidden into the King's presence. Why was she not afraid to break the law of the land? Because she had faith in God and her people's prayers and was willing to give her life for her people. Our Mission Band boys and girls will remember her words "If I perish, I perish". Queen Esther is not forgotten. The Jews take care of her beautiful tomb which is opened every year at the feast of Purim. This feast is in memory of the time when Queen Esther saved her people from their enemies. This tomb is in the old, old town of Hamadan.

In Canada, to-day, we have a link with Persia through the Persian families living at Port Arthur, Ont., and North Battleford, Saskatchewan. At the latter place, Rev. E. O. Eshoo, himself a Persian, has gone to live among these people and they are very happy to have him with them. Now that our Bands know of Persian children in their own country, there will be plenty of work with paper and pencils on this ancient land.

Describe the land, the climate, the animals, what is grown for food, new customs, a Persian school, etc.

Let the girls picture Noorah's new friend and her costume, and ask each one to tell something about the wedding.

The boys will find plenty to write about in The Passion Play.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Opening hymn—"Standing by a Purpose True." *Bible Lesson*—Esther 3:8-11; 4:1-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-6. (Would suggest that more than one take this story lesson.) *Prayer*—remembering especially the Persian children in our homeland. *Hymn*—"Softly and Tenderly." *Roll Call*. *Minutes*. *Study*—"Two Young Arabs in Persia." (Text-book, Chapter 3). *Offering*. *Prayer*. *Hymn*—"Jesus Bids us Shine." *Closing Prayer*—Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Amen.

A MISSION BAND RALLY

Band members will be interested to hear that there were one hundred and fifty at the autumn rally at Teeswater on Saturday, September 18th, one hundred of them answering to the roll call. Bands from Wingham, Belmore, White Church, Lucknow and Teeswater provided a fine programme. Mrs. Dill of Toronto, came and spoke to them. Among the many good things she told them was to get their leaders to have a story hour; have a membership campaign; to be loyal to God; to parents; to chums and to Mission Band leaders. The collection amounted to \$12.47.

WHAT DID YOU GET FOR CHRISTMAS LAST YEAR?

You Probably Don't Remember—Stop and Think

Most of the presents have long since disappeared and you have forgotten the gifts and the givers.

But, if last Christmas you received as a gift a year's subscription to a magazine it would still be coming to you, and each month as you read it, you would be reminded of your friend that sent it.

If you are looking for a gift for a friend that will be appreciated and that will give pleasure for a long time and will not be forgotten, send a year's subscription to *The Glad Tidings*. See page 328.

If you want a nice gift for the little folks, ask for our new story book for children. It will be ready for Christmas.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Provincial Board of the W.M.S. will meet in Edmonton on Oct. 29, when arrangements will be made for the annual meeting usually held in March.

The executive of St. Andrew's W.M. Auxiliary, Lethbridge, gave a successful tea and pantry sale Sept. 10th, when, in spite of unfavorable weather, \$46.00 was realized. The C.G.I.T. had a candy sale at the tea, and turned over the proceeds to the Auxiliary. The money is to be used for Life Memberships.

Nearly every woman of the Church was present at the June meeting of Carstairs W.M. Auxiliary, and the society now is at the best condition in its history. Although without an ordained minister, every department of the Church is well organized. One-half of the study book "Prayer and Missions" has been covered.

Granum and Jumbo Valley W.M. Auxiliary reports remarkable progress since organization in February. Sixteen members and twenty-four visitors were at the July meeting, when Mrs. Craig, of Ottawa, a returned missionary from India, was guest, and gave a thrilling, instructive and inspiring account of some of her experiences. She was impressed with the interest and co-operation shown by the local branch. The two congregations unite in W.M.S. work. There are thirty members, some of them teen-age girls, who give splendid help. To overcome the disadvantage of distance, meetings are held alternately at the two points.

Fort Saskatchewan organized a W.M. Auxiliary Sept. 20th, during Miss Pelton's meeting. Mrs. Alice Paul is President. One member had driven sixteen and another ten miles to attend.

St. Andrew's and Bethel W.M. Auxiliary at Three Hills resumed work at a meeting Sept. 12th, when Rev. R. C. Acheson gave a missionary address, and Mrs. R. Hannah read a chapter from *The Doctor*, by Isabel Cameron. Prospects are bright for the winter's work. The Y.W.M. Auxiliary received two new members at its opening meeting Sept. 12th. The Mission Band is at work again, and much interested in *Brave Adventurers*.

Miss Laura Pelton, Field Secretary, is at work again, having recovered from her serious breakdown last spring. After visiting Lloydminster, Vermilion and Fort Saskatchewan, she is spending ten days at Fort McMurray, where she will hold Sunday service. She will work in Edmonton Presbytery until Oct. 16th, then go on to Red Deer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

Miss Gertrude Lawrence, the newly appointed supervisor of the work among the Chinese women and children in Vancouver, was guest of honor at an interesting reception in the Chinese Church on her arrival.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Grey, officers of the "Sunbeam Club", and girls of the same club were in charge of the arrangements.

Rev. K. H. Yeung, the Chinese minister, and Mr. Gourlie, representing the Chinese session, gave addresses of welcome. Greetings were read from Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese missions, and from the Council Executive in Toronto.

Mrs. Pillar, on behalf of the British Columbia Provincial, and Mrs. Herd, on behalf of the Westminster Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society, congratulated the Chinese on having such an excellent worker sent to them by the Council Executive.

Mrs. Pentland extended greetings from the United Church, Dr. Osterhout represented the Japanese mission. There were three representatives from the Anglican mission present and from almost every Presbyterian Church in the city.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Grey, volunteer workers among the Chinese, voiced their gratification at having Miss Lawrence as supervisor of the work.

A splendid programme was given, including solos by Mrs. D. A. Smith, piano duets by Miss Annie Chow and Miss Lily Yeung, also by Miss May and Miss Lena Bunn, a chorus and drill given by girls of the "Sunbeam Club" charmingly dressed in Chinese costume.

The minister's little daughter presented Miss Lawrence with a beautiful basket of flowers and Miss Lawrence, in acknowledging the gift, expressed great pleasure in having such a large field of work assigned to her and under such happy auspices.

At the close refreshments were served by young girls and boys, and a social hour was enjoyed when an opportunity was given to all to meet Miss Lawrence, who has a charming personality and will no doubt endear herself to all with whom she comes in contact.

Much pleasure was also expressed at the appointment of Miss Ida Woo, a young Chinese girl, as assistant to Miss Lawrence.

Much regret is expressed at the removal from the province of Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor, an energetic worker in the W.M.S.

Reports from all the Auxiliaries show that preparations are being made for a season of great activity. Central Church, Vancouver, is already extending its work having organized a branch Sunday School in

Kitsilano district. Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, is planning the immediate erection of a new church building.

Victoria—The Corresponding Secretary at Victoria reports that Mrs. James McIntosh, Presbyterian President, who has been seriously ill for some time, is recovering.

ONTARIO

MRS. H. H. ALLEN, 112 BEDFORD ROAD, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

MAITLAND P.S.—A spirit of optimism and thanksgiving characterized the addresses and reports delivered at the twelfth Annual Meeting held in Brussels on May 11th. The President, Mrs. Perrie, presided over the gathering of two hundred delegates. Her message was a call for the deepening of our spiritual life. Mrs. B. A. Armstrong, Durham, late of Kong Moon, South China, out of personal knowledge of our hospital work, brought vividly to her hearers the importance of showing kindness to the Chinese who are in Canada. The singing of the Brussels Mission Band was a feature of this altogether splendid meeting.

Stratford P.S.—The Summer Conference met in Burns Church, Milverton, June 15th. Encouraging reports came from all departmental secretaries. Mrs. G. P. Duncan gave a survey of our work and workers. Mrs. Kannawin, Provincial Secretary of General Interests, spoke effectively on the call and challenge of the work.

Saugeen P.S. held its twelfth Annual Meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Arthur, on June 16th. Earnest addresses were given by the President, Mrs. Ledingham and Miss MacMurchy of Toronto. This Presbyterian reported sixteen Auxiliaries with a membership of 500, Young Women's Auxiliaries with fifty-six members, C.G.I.T. with forty-seven members, and Mission bands with 145 members.

Barrie P.S.—The twelfth Annual Meeting was held in Orillia on June 8th and 9th. The President, Mrs. Shortt of Barrie, presided and gave a splendid address. Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Toronto, gave two excellent inspirational addresses and valuable information on our work. A Mission Band banner was presented to the Presbyterian by Mrs. Braden of Orillia. Mrs. Cameron, Hon. President, was presented with a Life Membership pin. The next Annual Meeting will be held in Barrie.

Paris P.S.—The twelfth Annual Summer Conference was held in Ratho on June 30th. There was a hundred per cent. representation. Mrs. R. A. Paterson, Ingersoll, gave a splendid résumé of the Council Meeting at Saskatoon, while an address by Mrs. Kelly, President of

London Presbyterial, brightened the afternoon session. Increasing interest in all departments, good fellowship and renewed consecration is evidenced in all our Societies.

Kingston P.S.—The W.M.S. of Foxboro has a unique way of avoiding the all-too-common slackness of the mid-summer meetings. Invitations were sent out to seven neighboring Societies for Tuesday, August 17th, and a large representation responded. A good programme was provided by the visitors and refreshments by the hostesses. The funds of the local Auxiliary were increased by the generous offering.

Lindsay P.S.—Semi-annual Meeting was held in Glenarm on June 17th. The President, Mrs. McLennan, of Lindsay, presided. Her message was:—In the essentials have unity, in the non-essentials, liberty, and in all things, charity. Not for years has the Presbyterial had more representative or better attended sessions. The main address was given by Mrs. McKerroll, of Toronto, who spoke eloquently on the world-wide opportunities for service.

London P.S. mourns the death of Mrs. M. B. McEachren, of London, an ardent worker in the W.M.S. Mrs. McEachren was Treasurer of the London Presbyterial for fourteen years and, at the time of her death was Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Provincial Board. She was also Vice-President of St. James Presbyterian Church Auxiliary.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Montreal P.S. held a largely attended quarterly meeting of the Executive Board at Valleyfield, Que., on September 24th. Twenty-four Auxiliaries, five Young Women's Auxiliaries and six Mission Bands responded to the roll call.

Encouraging and optimistic reports were presented by the Secretaries of the various departments. The organization of one new Y.W.A. and one new Mission Band was reported as well as fifty-five new members in the Home Helper Department and twelve new Life Members. It was decided to provide a banner for competition amongst the various Mission Bands throughout the Presbyterial. A question box was most efficiently conducted by Mrs. Walter Paul and brief and interesting messages were received from our three workers in the Welcome and Welfare Department in Montreal. Miss C. E. Cameron presented in a most comprehensive and inspiring manner the salient points of the Council Meeting in Saskatoon, and Rev. Geo. E. Ross, D.D., Moderator, brought greetings from Montreal Presbytery. Lantern views illustrating the work of the Society were explained by Mrs. Geo. E. Ross. Treasurer's

statement showed \$3121.90 received from Auxiliaries since April 23rd.

The ladies of Valleyfield Presbyterian Church entertained delegates and friends.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JOHN SNOWDEN, 1115 AVE., B., NORTH, SASKATOON, PRESS SECRETARY

The executives of the Provincial and Presbyterial W.M.S. met on Wednesday afternoon, September 15th, at the home of Mrs. A. L. Grant, Saskatoon, to welcome Miss Violet Scott, Field Secretary for Saskatchewan, who has just arrived to take up her work among the Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and Young Women's Societies in the province. During the afternoon Miss Scott addressed those present and a general discussion of the work followed. A social hour was enjoyed after which Miss Scott left by train for Prince Albert carrying with her the good wishes of all present.

Prayer

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Thou hast encouraged our confidence by telling us to call Thee, Father. Increase our intimacy so that we may tell Thee what we could tell no other—even what we could not express to ourselves. We come into Thy presence now with reverence and, unafraid, make confession of our sins unto Thee. Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our shortcomings and give us an earnest desire to be holy. Use us, we pray Thee, for the advancement of Thy Kingdom and bless our efforts to interest others in the great missionary cause. Because Thou hast sweetened and brightened our lives we would seek to tell others of Thy love. Bless every self-sacrificing piece of work we do for Thee. Win for Thyself from our glad hearts true gratitude for Thy Goodness. Bless, we pray Thee, our Church, our Country, our Empire. Lay Thy comforting hand on all who suffer or are sad. Especially would we remember the home from which Thou hast taken a loved daughter, our Society which mourns the loss of one of its beloved missionaries, and those associated with her in the work. We thank Thee for her consecrated life and triumphant death and pray that others may come forward to take up the torch she held so high. In Christ's name we ask all. Amen.

Life Members

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September 30th, 1926

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Oriental in Canada Dept.	2.00
South China	241.66
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Social Service	997.22
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South Porcupine Hospital	273.68
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New Liskeard School	
Home	393.01
Library Department	28.70
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Publication	358.83
Organization	502.28
Administration	891.61

\$5,779.97

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Credit Balance, August 31st, 1926'	\$74,458.39
Receipts	5,400.00
Disbursements	\$ 5,779.97
General Savings	50,539.35
Pension Fund	2,527.23
Sustaining Fund	15,271.36
Legacy Fund	500.00
Credit Balance	5,240.48

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

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Editorial

"They Presented Unto Him, Gifts"

WITH THE APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS the question naturally arises, what precious things shall the Christmastide of 1926 find in our hand for the Child born over again in the heart of His true follower? Our gift must be according to our idea and ideal of Christly values. To one it means one thing, to another something quite different. But if all would know deep and lasting Christmas joy and truly celebrate the bestowment of God's unspeakable gift to the world—our Lord Jesus Christ—our gift must be more than a material remembrance to family and friends, it must be a gift of service and true service is worship. What this gift of service may be is beautifully described in the *Christian Observer* in answer to the question title: "What Shall I Give at Christmas?"

Give Ear to those who cry for crumbs—and heap their homely larders high, for Lo! the Joyous Season's here—and Christmas comes!

Give Hands to those who need a guide, nor cast a thought of race or creed, since Brotherhood is all worth while at Christmastide.

Give Steps to those who cannot plod on their own errands to and fro above the crisp December sod as others go.

Give Thought to what you best can do to cheer the heart and soothe the mind and make the world seem good and kind to those less fortunate than you.

Give Smiles to all whose weary load brings gloom and pain and gray despair, and bends them low o'er life's steep road; for smiles with them are rare.

Give Knowledge to the dull, untaught, for some there are who do not know with what our Christmastide is fraught; and speak of Him, the Manger-born, beneath the Eastern Star's pale glow.

Give Courage to the fearing band that needs the clasp of friendly hand, and cheering smile and all good will; give courage, then, to such as they this day.

Give Heed to others and their need. They know, they feel, they have desire; nor is it what you think is best, but rather what they most require, that you should give and do and say on Christmas Day.

Give Laughter—not the scornful sort, but laughter that abounds with

happy, wholesome, merry sounds, and so infectious as to bring a like retort.

Give Heart—the heart that beats for all upon this day; the heart that greets the lowly and the high; the heart that glows with sympathy and knows but love for those who pass you by.

Give Joy to all—it may be bread for one, or just a smile, or yet a simple toy, or words of praise or even gold—but give them all and you will give but joy.

A STORY BOOK FOR LITTLE FOLKS.—The dream of the Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Dill, for many a year—has at last been realized. *Our Children's Hour*, a charming little volume, containing nine stories by Presbyterian women who are accustomed to writing for children, has just been published. The stories are woven round our national and overseas mission work. The book is illustrated and has an original and attractive design in Christmassy red. The nice thing about it is that it is suitable for all seasons and for boys equally with girls. Mothers will be charmed with it, so also will Mission Band leaders. It sells at fifty cents. We hope our members will loyally support this venture and send in their orders quickly.

IT IS WITH DEEPEST REGRET that we announce the resignation of Mrs. H. R. Horne, the first Vice-President of the Council Executive. Seven years ago Mrs. Horne became a member of the Board, and during that time she has been a valued Vice-President and has also held the important position of Associate Secretary in our former Indian work, and more recently, the secretaryship of our Welcome and Welfare department.

The cause of missions was always dear to Mrs. Horne's heart, and to the promotion of this branch of the work of her Church she devoted her best strength and time. As the daughter of the late Mrs. Shortreed, who was for years President of the W.F.M.S., and later, through her own association with Auxiliary work in her husband's congregation, then as President of Guelph and Toronto Presbyterials and Vice-President of Ontario Provincial, Mrs. Horne became thoroughly informed on all missionary subjects. To the work of the Council Executive she brought a clear seeing mind, rare judgment, and wide knowledge. She was a great strength to all those associated with her and no member of the Executive will be more greatly missed. Mrs. Horne is also a most acceptable public speaker and gave most generously and unstintedly of her time and strength in this important service. In addition Mrs. Horne possesses the gifts of heart that make for friendship and that have led people to speak of her as one of the best beloved officers of the W.M.S. While Ontario is the loser by the removal of Mrs. Horne from this province, Saskatchewan will be the gainer.

Mrs. Horne's departure for Moose Jaw, where Mr. Horne is minister of the Presbyterian Church, has been delayed by illness, she having to spend some weeks in the hospital. We crave for her a speedy and complete recovery and abundant blessing in her new sphere of labor.

EAST AND WEST HAVE RARELY MET IN A SETTING SO STRANGE AND PICTURESQUE as that seen recently when, for the first time in London's long story, the Mohammedan call to prayer was sung from the glistening minarets of a mosque at Southfields. One who was present thus describes the unique ceremony:

In the absence of the Arab Prince, London's first mosque was opened by Khan Bahadur, the Hon. Sheikh Abdul Qadid, a former minister of the Punjab Government, and now a member of the Indian delegation at the League of Nations.

It was a formal ceremony in an atmosphere curious even for wonderful London. Guests as they arrived passed into the police-guarded orchard where the mosque stands.... At the appointed time the Imam, in a strangely pleasant sing-song voice, recited from the Koran and with a few words of prayer gave the key to Sheikh Abdul Qadid. As the doors opened, the perfume of incense spread through the orchard and there were cries of delight from the faithful. Before the speeches ended there came the plaintive cry of the Muezzin in the minarets calling the faithful to prayer. A black figure, he moved from white tower to tower, his exhortation "Al Salat! Al Salat!" ("Come to prayer! Come to prayer!") piercing the noise of the nearby railway trains.

The faithful, including white Moslems, purified themselves in the fountain in front of the mosque cleansing mouth, nostrils, hands, arms and feet, and made their way stockinged into the white-washed edifice to prostrate themselves.

The call to prayer—the Azan—is to be cried five times every day from the minarets: in the early morning, at noon, in the late afternoon, at sunset and late at night before retiring.

A wondering crowd stood outside during the ceremony, thrilled into silence when the Azan was cried, and surprised beyond measure at the fashions of East and West.

MRS. J. S. HUTCHISON, THE PRESIDENT OF MANITOBA PROVINCIAL SOCIETY presented the work of the W.M.S. at the meeting of the Manitoba Synod. Advantage was taken of the ladies being in the city to hold a conference, and a very profitable meeting was held between representatives of the Provincial, Winnipeg Presbyterial and delegates from Brandon. The work in general was considered, loose ends were gathered up and better results are now anticipated.

WE HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION, that the Assembly's Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion have prepared six orders of service with hymns and lessons indicated, for the use of Minority Groups who are without a minister or student to lead them in public worship. They will also provide a book of scripture studies which may be used in place of a sermon. These services have been prepared so that any one who can read with a spirit of reverence may conduct a service, when no student or ordained man is available. Would our W.M.S. women who know of any group desiring such assistance please inform them that these helps may be obtained, free of charge, on application to Rev. R. W. Dickie, D.D., Knox-Crescent Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL AT SOUTH PORCUPINE has only been in operation for seven months, but in that time one hundred and twenty-six patients have received treatment, fifty of these being operative cases, and twenty, maternity. A hospital Auxiliary has been formed and through its initiative and organization over three hundred and forty dollars was realized from the Hospital tag day.

THE HEART OF MISS MARY MURRAY, the Presbyterian Hospital Visitor in Toronto, was gladdened recently by a gift from Chalmers' Church of fifty jars of fruit for distribution among the sick in the hospitals and the needy people whom she meets. Miss Murray's address is 1 Lockwood Road and her telephone is Gladstone 2187.

NEWSPAPER NOTICES WITH FURTHER TRIBUTES to the respect and esteem in which the late Miss Agnes Dulmage was held in South China have just been received. They tell also of the funeral service at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, and of the floral gifts—from her family, her Canadian co-workers, on furlough in Canada, Lady Ho Tang and family, the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Duppuy, the Vice-Chancellor and staff of Hong Kong University; the staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College; the Second Company of Girl Guides; St. Andrew's Church Sunday School; students and staff of the Girls' School, Kong Moon; St. Andrew's Young Women's Bible Society; Y.W.C.A. friends; staff and classes of Diocesan Girls' School, and friends too numerous to list. To those who loved her these tokens of appreciation must be a great comfort, for they show how varied were her interests and how widespread was the appreciation of her service.

THE REPORT FORMS for Auxiliaries, Y. W. Auxiliaries, Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands for 1926 are now ready and are being sent direct from the printer to the respective secretaries in each Presbyterial

instead of to the Provincial Secretaries as formerly. This change is due to our desire to reduce expense and lessen the work of the Provincial officers. The Provincial forms will go to the Provincial Secretaries as formerly, also samples of each form sent to the Presbyterian Secretaries.

The order of returning the forms is unchanged:—from the branches to the Presbyterian, from the Presbyterian to the Provincial, and from the Provincial to the Council Secretaries. Would Provincial Secretaries please register their parcels to headquarters.

The same plan is being followed with the Treasurer's and Supply report forms.

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We would urge Secretaries to verify all names, initials and addresses and, if possible, to print rather than write them, and so prevent corrections, as every change the printer has to make costs money.

TWO NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE, Mrs. John McNicol, wife of Rev. John McNicol of the Bible Training School, Toronto, and Miss A. H. Gowans, who was a missionary in China for many years. Miss Gowans' knowledge of China and its needs and her ability as a speaker should make her a valuable member of the Executive.

THE RESIGNATION OF MISS MARY TENNANT, nurse at South Porcupine Hospital, is reported with regret. Mrs. H. C. Jones of Toronto has been appointed to the position rendered vacant through this withdrawal.

THE ANNUAL INTERDENOMINATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is to be observed by the women of Canada and the United States on Friday, March 4th, 1927. An effort is being made, this year, to have the observance of this day world-wide. The programme will appear in the February issue of this magazine. The planned for hour is the one that leaves the impress.

OWING TO THE ILLNESS of one of the members of the Federal Commission, further sittings will not be held until January.

PERMANENT SEALS for the use of the Junior Members are now available and may be obtained from the Provincial Life Membership Secretaries. See page 361.

SUBSCRIPTIONS will be received for the *Missionary Review of the World*, \$2.25 per year, club rates; *Everyland*, \$1.00; *The Gwalior Journal*, 50c.; and any other missionary magazines which may be desired.

Our Treasurer Says:

"I feel the time has come to call the attention of our members to the condition of our finances. Although it looks as if we were carrying a heavy surplus, we must remember that a large amount of this will be required for our new School Home in Saskatoon. Our heaviest expenditure, however, will be in the taking over of the work allotted to us by the Commission, as we will have to refund all monies spent on this work since June 10th, 1925. As far as it is possible for us to calculate, this will require a very large sum of money and may necessitate our having to borrow, unless our members with their usual loyalty and generosity come forward and make it possible for us to carry successfully the heavy financial responsibility of what may be our hardest year."

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD.

The School for Working Girls in Tokyo

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD, LL.D.

THE School for Working Girls has developed with great rapidity during the past six months. In March, we gave certificates to fifteen who had completed a year's work. Some of the students are obliged to drop out for varying lengths of time during the year, owing to overtime work in the factories and are not always able to attend for the number of hours required to receive the certificate. Certificates are given therefore, every six months, so that the girls need not lose a whole year, because of their overtime work, which is usually seasonal. Besides the regular school work, there was a stampede to learn knitting, which abated in fury as the warm weather approached. Then came the demand for machine sewing, a comparatively unknown art in the working girl's repertoire of accomplishments. When we advertised a three months' course in machine sewing, we thought that twenty or thirty girls might apply, but were not prepared for between seventy and eighty. However, we hurriedly bought two new machines, to add to the four we already had. Thus prepared, we faced the invasion. I am not sure that I should want to learn machine sewing after working ten hours a day in a factory!

During June and July, the girls of a government factory asked us to conduct a six weeks' educational course for them. The management gave them a room in the factory and fitted it to suit their needs. We provided teachers for the various courses the girls wanted, which included knitting, embroidery, cooking, and flower arrangement. It was interesting to observe that these courses all had to do with homemaking and would contribute to the comfort and beauty of the homes they would one day establish.

We carried on these classes two evenings a week, the first half hour being devoted to talks of various kinds. A doctor from St. Luke's Hospital gave health talks, with special reference to the troubles they themselves were likely to develop in their work. An expert on the subject told them how to remove stains from material and how to dye and wash their clothes. This may sound very elementary to you, but I can assure you, it is higher education for these girls. Last, but not least, we had talks on character building and the source of strength from which we derive all that makes life worth while.



GIRLS OF NIGHT SCHOOL SINGING AT ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN AT
THE SETTLEMENT EARLY IN JULY, 1926.

One evening I took them in spirit for a half hour's trip to the top of Canterbury Cathedral, a thing I actually did last summer with a small grand nephew of mine, aged eight. One of our workers at the Settlement made a black and white sketch of the cathedral, with the tower soaring into the heavens, as well as a drawing of the spiral stone steps, two hundred and eighty-seven in actual numbers as I well remember, having climbed them with no little effort in order to please the aforesaid small boy. I took this trip to illustrate our upward climb toward God. On our way up we saw through the narrow windows at the side of the staircase, glimpses of the beauty without, but it was only when we reached the top

that we saw the real meaning of the upward journey. It was interesting to take the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and make it carry us to the top of that staircase. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels; though I have all wisdom and all knowledge and understand all prophecies." These are narrow glimpses of light from the staircase, but they are not the vision from the top. "Even though I give my body to be burned," still up we went, until, in the sunshine at the top, we were able to say, "Love never faileth, because it suffereth long and is kind, it envieth not, it vaunteth not itself." Then as we stood together at the very pinnacle of our climb, sweeping the horizon of the beautiful English landscape, the climax of it all came to us. "Love, the greatest thing in the world, abides forever."

About two hundred different girls attended this six weeks' course. Twenty of them have been coming here to the regular school although the factory is a considerable distance from the Settlement. These classes will probably be continued with some modifications when the autumn term opens.

Two weeks ago, in August, I spoke at their request, to a group of girls who work in one of the government tobacco factories near by. Most people in Tokyo avoid meetings in the month of August, and when I was asked to speak, I suggested postponing it until September. Not at all! They apparently did not feel the heat, and even if they did, the novelty of a meeting was sufficient to counteract it. Under such circumstances I was rather ashamed of my own hesitation and said no more about postponing it. The meeting was not large, not more than twenty girls being present, with perhaps ten of the men. They are, men and women alike, members of the labor union and are turning seriously to the problems of education, and asking us to assist them. One of their number already comes to our night school. With the new term in September others will come, as the factory is quite close to us.

A festival called O Bon, the festival of the dead, is celebrated in Japan during the middle of July. It is a gay and festive occasion for the dead return in spirit, it is believed, and friends and relatives celebrate the occasion with joy and festivity, the country people more than those who live in the city. They hold a carnival during these days, with folk dances in which whole villages, men, women, girls and boys take part. These dances are virtually unknown to the people of Tokyo. It was, therefore a treat to be invited to see one in a spinning factory on the outskirts of the city. The girls in these factories are recruited from the country and live in dormitories belonging to the company. They work in night and day shifts of eleven hours each. During the three days of the festival however, the factory closes down, and the girls have a merry time. They form in great circles, and dance back and forth rhythmically to the sound

of drums beaten lustily by the men workers singing antiphonally. It was a great sight. There were at least a thousand people dancing in the one group that I watched. We were being conducted about by the head of the labor union, and as we watched the merry party swaying and singing around the great circle, he told me that every girl, down to the smallest, about fourteen years of age, belonged to the labor union which had just been organized. "But" he said appealingly, "How are we going to do anything for them? There are four thousand girls working in this factory. We cannot educate them all at once. What are we to do?" In talking to him further, I discovered that about one hundred of the girls were organized into a committee, and I suggested that for the present, they forget about the four thousand and concentrate on the one hundred. We shall get something organized early in the autumn. If the industrial problems of Japan are to be faced squarely, the enlightened women of the country must be enlisted in this work of education.

I spent ten days away from Tokyo early in August, during which time, a strike occurred in another spinning factory that we know well. It was settled satisfactorily in a short time, but even during the ten days I was away, a telephone message came asking for our help in education after the strike should be finished.

When the night school at the Settlement closed on July twentieth, one hundred and seventy-three girls were enrolled. Two hundred others had attended the six weeks' course in the government clothing factory.

I have sketched the new opportunities for the autumn. We shall have at least two new branches of the school, as we call these short courses or institutes held at other places than the Settlement. The city is big, but news goes with great rapidity from one factory to another, with the result that we shall be asked to go to many places. And so our opportunities widen. Thanks to the help of the W.M.S. we shall be able to go on and meet these opportunities.

I do earnestly ask you to remember us especially in your prayers, as we enter upon these tasks. The work is not easy, but it is fundamental, and the requests come to us from the working people themselves. "It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." We appreciate more than we can say your co-operation and sympathy.

September 8.—Since writing the above the night school here has opened and the two institutes in the two factories have been arranged for and one already begun.



Amkhut As I See It

MISS RUTH BUCHANAN

I WISH I could put on paper a wee bit of the happy, happy thrill that the India-born feel when they land in Bombay. "Home is the sailor home from the sea"—all the satisfaction and peace of Stevenson's Requiem and the colorfulness of Kipling, and something else more eastern even than Kim—a sort of a feeling of kinship, and fitness and rightness—the feeling a lost key must have when it once more lies under the door-mat—rise up in your heart and call you blessed. Palm trees and ox-carts and brown faces and flowing robes, riot and perfume and color and crowds, bells a-jingle, and hawkers a-shouting, the cab-driver calling all the gods to witness that never has he defrauded man of a farthing—all slip into place, a natural setting for any scene; and metros and buses and dresses and gloves and silent solemnity fade out like the end of a movie film. Of course, that's a bull nosing the banya stalls—why shouldn't it be a bull? Bulls often wander up and down among the pedestrians; how funny that they shouldn't!

You can perhaps imagine how full of happiness and sadness too, I was when I got within sight of the Amkhut hills. They never were more exquisite. Amkhut is a garden of loveliness when the rains have brought their benediction. And the most beautiful spot in all the forty mile ride is just this blessed valley. I can't tell you adequately of the funny strange, familiar shock that I felt when after miles of hill and river and jungle suddenly in this remotest corner of the world the mission compound gleamed white—an outpost of the Canadian Presbyterian Church far "beyond the ranges." Schools, church, dispensary, bungalows, teachers' and catechists' houses, cattle sheds—the work of a man's whole life and soul! And when I thought that they had suggested selling it to a Hindu prince—this sacred heart of Bhil land—the deed seemed unpardonable!

You see, no one loves and knows the Bhils as father does. He, too, I suppose would never have won their confidence if he had not always been on their side, always for them; in famine, and pestilence, in sickness and sorrow and happiness. He is the "Bhil's Sahib", nobody else can "do" for them. Father has had the *vision*, and father knows how that vision can be made splendid reality. Heaven send that the commission unties his hands by giving the Southern Bhil Field to the Presbyterians; and that then in money and men lavish support may give us a chance, as father says, to go "full steam ahead". A hundred things await the doing, and hundreds of jungle villages will rise up and call you blessed.

"My" school—"mine" since the day after I arrived—Miss Robson sailed from Bombay just a few days after my arrival—absorbs my breathless attention. My hundred and ten boys and girls are as attractive and

as bright as the best that Toronto or Paris has to offer. No more promising material anywhere; no prettier girls, no more "peppy" boys! But I long to be various "Ruth Baba's" all at once. One of me longs to do the supervising of village Christian schools; one of me would like to work in connection with the state school in the state capitol, Rajpur, where the most advanced of our Amkhut boys are now in attendance; one of me would love to strike, map in pocket, on pony-back with father through the Southern Bhil States to new territory; I can't tell you all the many incarnations that I demand simultaneously!

But that request being beyond the jurisdiction even of the President of Missionary Societies, I descend and lay upon the table my more modest plea. Is there in your Church a young Women's Organization that can send me at this late hour Christmas gifts for the Bhil Presbyterians? Little simple dresses for babies of all ages and for wee girls up to seven or eight years old, cloth by the bale, all sorts of materials for sewing ("housewives", scissors, needles, thread) dolls, jack-knives, pencils, pens, rubbers, rulers, balls, flags, picture-cards, large pictures (good ones) for the walls of the school and hostels, English Testaments for the big boys and girls who are studying English, soap, safety pins, beads, ornaments for our tree, money. Besides, we need badly a new Church and school bell—that, I know, can't come in a parcel or a box, but I thought that perhaps someone would like to send a cheque for a big bell—as good as the one that used to call together the faithful in the good old days before the bell cracked, and discord fell upon the Church at home, and confusion echoed in our far-off valley!

If you know of any one who wants to give and give, to help to bring in God's Kingdom in this beautiful land, do tell them that we never needed their help as we do now. Bhil Land is "sore affrighted": it needs and deserves after this long, long trial, wholehearted, sturdy support.

I send you my eyes, that you may see, across the world, Amkhut as I see it.

* We are delighted to state that Christmas gifts for the Bhils are on their way with Dr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Maitland, the newly appointed missionaries of our Church to India.—EDITOR.

"Great Are His Mercies"

ROSALIND GOFORTH

DEAR Home Friends:—*The Glad Tidings* for July-August has just come. I at once had my husband bring me the magnifying glass and oh how eagerly I looked at each face in the group taken at Saskatoon last May. As I recognized one face after another how I longed to have been there with you all! As Dr. Goforth and I looked at this picture presenting so many of the leading missionary woman movers of our

Presbyterian Church we praised God that He had raised up such leaders. It gives us hope and confidence for the future to know you are behind us.

And now what can I give you as a message from this storm-tossed, strife-rent country. If I tried to draw you a real picture of present conditions I could scarcely draw it black enough to be true to fact. During the past fifteen years civil strife has been going on somewhere in China but, instead of lessening it has increased, and just during the past two years tens of thousands of soldiers have been slain. Our hearts sicken at the thought of the multitudes who have been maimed for life (and only those who know China can realize the awfulness of a *maimed* existence in this land) and of the widows and children left destitute.

A few days ago this cruel warfare came very close to us and we got a first hand glimpse of the horrors attending civil strife. Kikungshan is a small, rather uneven plateau on a mountain just above the railway that connects Peking with Hankow. Four days ago the southern forces pressed back the northerns to just below this hill. A battle lasting several hours was fought and that night the southerners captured this hill. For some hours we foreigners, over 370 in all, were in considerable danger. Bullets were whizzing through the air and every one had to keep under cover. But by sunrise all northerners had gone and the firing ceased. There was a feeling of deep thankfulness when it became known that no one was injured. A Red Cross station has been opened here by a doctor on the hill and parties of missionaries have been searching the hills for the wounded. Some have been brought in, one poor fellow died shortly after his arrival. The Chinese seem utterly helpless or heartless in face of such cases. We missionaries are clubbing together to provide things for this little Red Cross headquarters.

When conditions here are more settled and when the Board at home is therefore able to complete arrangements about our new field in North China, I will write fully about it. There are, however, some things for which I would ask definite prayer.

First, for our two single lady workers who have been received as representatives of our W.M.S. One is Miss Cook, she has the language and has had eight years of service in China. Dr. Goforth and I had every opportunity to know Miss Cook when staying with her brother in the Legation quarter last May in Peking. We have never met one whom we could say gave more promise in every way for efficient service. Just after she was accepted by our Council Executive she was approached by more than one mission with the request to join them, but fortunately we had secured her. Then Miss Jean Graham, who has been in our home all summer and who also has had some eight years service in China, has been accepted as one of our mission. Miss Graham had endeared herself to us in a way I find it hard to speak. She is so true, so consecrated, so full of

a passion to win souls to Christ and yet is as happy and full of brightness she is like sunshine in the house. Miss Cook is now at work and Miss Graham would be but for us all being shut up on this hill, unable to go north or south as the railway is blocked.

Then what I ask prayer for *very* specially is that we may be able to secure at least *three* Bible women at once on reaching our field. Miss Cook, Miss Graham and myself will each need one. Oh, dear friends! you in the home land can't imagine how much a good, *godly*, efficient, trustworthy Bible woman means to the foreign missionary. For over twenty years in North Honan I was blessed with such in dear faithful Mrs. Wang. She came to me in answer to a definite cry to God for a Bible woman. Now we three missionaries each need just such a helper as Mrs. Wang. Will you dear women who read this at home in Canada pray for *three* such women? And God will give them to us.

Then you must pray that we may have wisdom in meeting and deciding the many problems which must of necessity arise in beginning work in a new field.

In closing I would like to raise a note of deep thankfulness for God's great mercies to us since coming to China six months ago. More than once I have been near the borderland but God has graciously raised me up and as I write I am full of hopes that God is going to permit me to have some share in starting this new work.

A Modern Parable

IN a certain Church the young girls went down from sixteen years of age toward womanhood and fell among foolish ways, where they were stripped of their simplicity and robbed of their best capabilities and were left lying half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain Women's Missionary Society member that way. And when she saw them she said: "Really, I don't know what the girls of to-day are coming to. All they want to do is dress up and run around. They have no interest but in their own good times. I'm disgusted with them." And she shrugged her shoulders and passed by on the other side.

And likewise another Women's Missionary Society woman came by, and she stopped a moment and said: "Some one ought to do something and not let these girls be wasted like this. They ought to be in a Mission Circle. But I don't see what I can do, I'm late now for a committee meeting, and there is something going on every night this week. It's too bad, but I don't see how I can help it." And she sighed and passed by on the other side.

And a third Women's Missionary Society woman when she was at the place came and looked at them and said: "Girls, you know you'll never amount to anything in this world or the next the way you are going. You are a shame and disgrace to the Church and to your parents. Now, I'm going to a meeting of the Women's Missionary Society. Come with me, and you'll hear something that will do you good." And when the girls hung back and would not go, she swept by on the other side.

But a certain Women's Missionary Society woman, as she journeyed, came where they were. And when she saw them she thought of all they could do, and she had compassion on them. And she went to them and took them home in her limousine. She bound up their wounded self-respect and poured in the oil of good cheer and common sense, and the wine she gave them was a vision of the world's needs and their share in meeting them.

And then she said: "Girls, a Mission Circle is a girls' society, to do the very things we've been talking about. Now, wouldn't you like to form one and get to work at something that will last?"

And when they had elected officers, she drew out some money and said: "Here is five dollars. I was going to give it to our own Auxiliary, but instead I'm going to make myself a member of your new Circle, just to give you a start."

And when they departed she said: "I'll do anything I can to help you. If you need me, come again."

Which of these women, think ye, the most advanced our Lord's Work?

—*The Canadian Missionary Link.*

The Legend of the Christmas Lights

LONG centuries ago, good St. Boniface travelled through the lowlands of northern Europe, carrying the story of Good Tidings to the scattered villages and towns. On a Christmas Eve he came to a place where was a sight that pained his heart. Human sacrifice was about to be offered at the foot of the Oak Tree, sacred to those primitive folk. In appealing tones he besought them to pause till he could tell them the story of God's greatest gift to man, the Christ Child. Then, gently releasing the victim, he gathered the worshippers around a little fir tree and bade them learn its lesson; for its roots were in the earth, yet it ever reached heavenward. Like its neighbors, the holly and mistletoe, it kept alive throughout the winter and spoke to the cold, dead world of the great Life-Giver. But, because through the dark night the message of the tree was hidden, St. Boniface called for tapers to be brought and candles wherewith to set it alight. In the glow of the twinkling lights the good Saint continued his story of the Light that was the Life of men. Then, as the people

dispersed, he gave each a candle from the tree, bidding them let the True Light shine in their hearts and through their lives, till darkness should be banished. Ever since, the Christmas tree and Christmas candles have a part in Christmas-tide, as a reminder that all are intended to light their lives at the Great Light, and each shine, "You in your small corner and I in mine."—*Flora Robinson Howells in The Treasure Chest.*

Sweeter Than Honey

AN INCIDENT FROM LABRADOR

YOU know how softly your feet go when the snow is new upon the ground? Well, that is the way my feet fell on the snowy path among the Okak huts on that dull winter's day. The snow was still falling; the windows were all covered with clinging flakes; the dogs, curled up and sleeping, lay like snow-covered stones beside the porches.

So, with quiet feet, I came to the door of Juliana's house. Someone was reading: I heard the voice before I pulled the latch-string; I almost heard the words.



We do not knock in Labrador; it is not the way of the people. I pushed the door before me, and the snow crunched beneath my feet as I trod upon the boarded floor. At the sound the reading ceased. "Aksunai," (greeting), said I, "go on with the reading." "Ah," said a voice, and fell to reading again. I sat me on a bench by the doorway, until my eyes should be accustomed to the gloom. "But who," thought I, "who can be reading in this darkness?" I could see but little; the window of membrane, through which on bright days a little light might filter, was dark with a clinging coat of snow; a warm crackle came from the stove, with now and then a tiny flicker as some stick burst into flame, and as my eyes grew used to the dimness I saw the huddled figure of my old friend Juliana—and knew that the voice was hers.

"*Natername iviksokatolingme tangmarterpanga; tessiorlungalo kôb sennianut:* He leadeth me beside the still waters. . ."

Juliana was reading, and Juliana was blind. "Yes," she said, "we often read like this, for I know many portions off by heart—and Ernestina likes to hear them." Then I saw the other, the poor crippled girl Ernestina, crouching in the shadow; and Juliana's voice came again.

"*Kôroksioralloaruma tâtokut:* though I walk through the valley. . ."

"Yes," said Juliana, and I felt that her sightless face was aglow—"yes, how grateful I am that I learnt these words of God while I had my eyes: sweeter than honey, they are, sweeter than honey. . ."

So I left the little hut on that snowy winter's morning; thankful, and humbled for having seen a glimpse of God's Spirit that dwells in His Word. Yes—sweeter than honey.

—Samuel King Hutton, M.D., F.R.G.S., in *The Bible in the World*.

How Quebec Presbyterial Is Meeting Its Problems

MISS P. B. LAMONT, FIELD SECRETARY

OUR tour of Quebec Presbyterial was finished September 26th. Mrs. Price, Presbyterial Vice-President, accompanied me, and in thirteen days we visited thirteen places and addressed fifteen meetings. We succeeded in organizing two new Auxiliaries, Stoneham and Scotstown, encouraged the Marsboro Auxiliary to continue in face of small numbers—their losses being due to people moving away, not from union; and received from ladies of Megantic the promise to consider adding Missions in their Ladies' Aid programme. They agreed to subscribe for *The Glad Tidings* and keep in touch with our work. They are a small minority group without a minister or church, and have hard problems which they are facing bravely. The only other group visited, which is not connected with our W.M.S., is Lingwick, a minority group, without a church, but with a splendid pastor. They already take *The Glad Tidings* and I feel sure will re-organize very soon. We expect a couple of Mission Bands will be started as a result of our tour. There were three points, which, for local reasons, we did not visit, but every place we went we were received most cordially and treated most kindly. At St. George's, we had arranged for our afternoon meeting, which was very well attended. At the close, the pastor announced the evening meeting. It was a surprise to us, and at first disturbing, as we had fired our heavy artillery in the afternoon. However, we arranged another address apiece, and made things interesting for the men who were present in goodly numbers. One lady said at the close "It is seldom we hear anything from the outside, we have enjoyed every minute."

This report would be incomplete without an account of our trip to Stoneham which is eight to eighteen miles from Valcartier according to the way you go. We reached Quebec Saturday night and left Sunday morning for Valcartier. We were met at the station and driven six miles to the Church in time for morning service. The congregation was very small as the congregation was divided, but they saved their Church. What they lack in numbers they make up in courage and determination. There were only three members of the W.M.S. left after the vote. These three have carried on. One has recently died, but the two remaining have no intention of giving up their work.

Our next problem was to get to Stoneham. The congregation there did not expect us as they had written that it wasn't much use for us to go, as they were so few in number and there was such difficulty in getting around in the winter time. However, our faces were set towards Stoneham. The student in charge absolutely refused to drive us the eight miles over the mountain, the way he went, if we could get a car to take us the eighteen miles around the mountain, we could go. A brave stalwart with a car, which however had very poor tires, finally consented, much against his will, to take us. We had four punctures and mended five tires on the way, but finally arrived three-quarters of an hour late. The congregation were still there and the outcome is a new W.M.S. Auxiliary with a very enthusiastic young married woman as President.

There are a few circumstances which make work difficult and discouraging in this Presbyterial: great distances between congregations and within congregations; long, cold winters; a shrinking Protestant population, as Scotch and English farmers are selling out either to French or to lumber companies. We passed farm after farm where the houses, formerly the homes of large Scotch families, were boarded up. Another handicap is the lack of settled ministers, there being only five in the Presbytery. But even in the face of these things that hinder, the people are rejoicing in having their own beloved Church and are facing the problems of reconstruction with determination, consecration and courage.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR MAGAZINE

THE *Glad Tidings* is the organ of our W.M.S., and nowhere else can be found the same information regarding the work and workers under its care. After the magazine has been printed, it is necessary that it should be distributed as widely as possible, and in order to do this, many workers are necessary, from the Secretary of Publications and Assistant in Head Office, Toronto, down to the most distant Auxiliary *Glad Tidings* Secretary. We have found that it is best that the Presbyterial Secretaries report direct to the Head Office, on account of the saving of time.

Be on the look-out for new subscribers—new members of the Society or congregation. Keep a supply of sample copies which you may obtain through your Presbyterial Secretary, to show, or distribute. Once in a while have a synopsis of *The Glad Tidings* read at your monthly meeting. Let it be short and concise, covering the different departments of the work, so that people will be anxious to read the full articles, and in time subscribe. Group the articles under headings, with a few words on each.





OUR LETTER BOX



Gwalior, India.

"We will gladly welcome the two girls. I shall arrange either to meet them myself or get someone else to do it. If you come across a lady doctor or a qualified nurse it would be a valuable addition to our staff; better still if you could secure a male doctor along with the others that we so urgently need.

You will be glad to know we have opened the new school and that Mrs. Hawtin is doing very fine work there. It means she comes in on Monday morning and remains in the house of the ladies until the Friday night when she returns to Bronsonpura, called also Isagarh, *i.e.*, Isa, Jesus, and garh, fort. As a matter of fact the latter name is the one most commonly used now by the Indians around here. It means a good deal of self-sacrifice on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin; but they are both so anxious for the success of the school that they are willing to face it. The formal opening will not take place until everything is in order. When I remember the beginnings of the school at Indore with three little girls in it, and realize to what it has grown, I cannot but be very full of bright anticipation for our school, the building of which is already a great attraction and large numbers are asking about their children being admitted. I am quite sure that before two or three years it will be found that the building is none too large for the requirements of our mission.

I would urge once more the absolute necessity of sending out more male missionaries. I have been trying to carry on as best I could, but it is not what you do that counts. It is the hundred and one things that are undone that are constantly calling for attention that lead me so earnestly to cry for more co-workers who can take up some share of the work."

—*Dr. Wilkie.*

Rosetown, Sask.

"I went into a little place called Dinsmore, where Mrs. Stewart was after the Council, and found the women there willing to organize a W.M.S. I held a Sunday service for any one who cared to attend and we called it a Thank-offering meeting and took up a collection which amounted to \$18.70. The next day I met the women again and we organized an Auxiliary. They were much encouraged to be able to put this Thank-offering through their books. They intend ordering the

study book and subscribing for some *Glad Tidings*. The work is pretty strenuous but wonderfully interesting and I love it. Up to date I have held twenty meetings and am on the go continuously.”

—Miss Violet Scott, Field Secretary.

Prayers for the Christmastide

“**S**HINE into our lives, Thou Star of Bethlehem. Led by Thy constant light, may we never dread the night, nor fear the dangers of life’s journey. May we, like the wise men of old, pass through formal Jerusalem, even to Bethlehem, and find the manger and bow before the real King of Love and Light. Amen.

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O Thou, Who art the Giver of every good and perfect gift, may Christmas day be merry with child voices and childhood memories; bright with loving gifts of self forgetfulness; peaceful with quiet thoughts and sure promises. May the angels echo in our hearts the good tidings of great joy. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Blessed Master, may the simple story of Thy birth—the faith, the humility, the gentleness, the joy, the gifts, the consecration—prompt us to learn again the real and valuable lessons of life. May we sing again the angels’ song, and join with them in the glad praise of the Christmas season. Amen.”

A Christmas Thought

“By remembering our kinship with all men,
By well-wishing, friendly speaking and kindly doing,
By cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight,
By welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or wise men),
By keeping the music of the angel’s song in this home,
God help us every one to share the blessing of Jesus:
In whose name we keep Christmas.”

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"MOSLEM WOMEN"

THE aim of Chapter II is to make vivid what it means to be a woman under the yoke of Mohammedanism.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Hymn.—"O Lord Our God Arise!"

Prayer.—"Glad Tidings", page 349).

BIBLE READING

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.—For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

"He spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.—Having yet one son, his well-beloved, he sent him."

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

Hymn.—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Let leader give key verses of Study Topics: Matt. II:28, 29, 30.

Study Topic I.—Have member give brief review of "Moslem Women"—position according to the Koran, tradition, literature and law, pp. 37-53.

Hymn.—"Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim."

Study Topic II.—"Moslem Women's Real Position"—child marriage—polygamy—divorce—sorcery—superstition, concluding with general survey of lands which are seats of religion of Mohammed, pp. 53-69.

Hymn.—"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Collection.

Questions.—How many of the blessings of your life do you owe to Christianity? Have you any responsibility to share them with Moslem women? The most urgent social reform needed in Islam is the uplift of women.

Interesting Facts.—Islam is the religion of 234,000,000 of human beings and was founded by Mohammed. One-seventh of all the children

in the world live under the shadow of the crescent and in the lands of Islam. If the Moslem women stood holding hands in unbroken line they would stretch twice around the globe's circumference.

Hymn.—"Thy Life Was Given for Me."

Prayer.—For all Moslem women, that they may find true freedom in Christ Jesus our Lord.



C. G. I. T.



And Other Teen-Age Organizations

ON Christmas Day from tens of thousands of minarets will be heard the old familiar cry sacred to the faith of Mohammed,

"There is no God but Allah;
And Mohammed is his prophet."

What if at this season, the meaning of the Star of Bethlehem could be known to the lonely watchers on the high places, and with the dawn the angel's message could sound forth instead!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

What a difference it would mean in the lives of the two hundred and forty million Moslems who have yet to learn the story of the Christ Child!

In the joy of this blessed season, let all the girls in Canada remember those less fortunate than themselves. Once, two thousand years ago, the Star shone in the East and the wise men brought the first gifts to lay at the feet of the Saviour. Is it not again time for the Star to give light to them that sit in darkness?

Presbyterian Young People Welcome Their Girls' Work Secretary

THE lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, was the scene of an interesting gathering on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6th, when representatives of the Presbyterian teen-age organizations met to welcome Miss Edith A. Sinclair, the newly appointed Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary.

The reception was under the auspices of the Council Executive of the W.M.S. The President, Mrs. McKerroll, welcomed the guests who represented the congregations of Bonar, Central, Eglinton, Knox, Parkdale, Runnymede, St. Andrew's, St. Paul's and Victoria Churches, Brampton Presbyterian Church being also represented. Victoria Church came first with 29 young people present; Bonar Church followed close with 22. The tea table was in charge of Mrs. Inkster and a bevy of young girls.

Miss Muriel Gray, W.M.S. Council Secretary for the C.G.I.T. introduced Miss Sinclair who expressed her delight at meeting in this way the girls she is to serve. Miss C. Body, Chairman of the National Girls' Work Board, told of the organization of the C.G.I.T. in Toronto eleven years ago, and of the work of the National Board for girls throughout the Dominion. Mrs. Trickey, Chairman of the Toronto Girls' Work Board, on behalf of herself and three other Secretaries, Miss Allison, Miss Bono Mills and Miss Macpherson, who were present, extended a welcome to the Presbyterian Secretary. Representatives from the Baptist and Church of Christ were both out of town but sent good wishes. Mrs. A. W. Smith, Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Secretary, also added her greetings. With taps by the girls followed by "Thanks for the afternoon" a delightful meeting closed.

The C.G.I.T. girls of First Church, Edmonton, unanimously voted to affiliate with the W.M.S. at a meeting held on October 3rd.

Miss Violet Scott is meeting with a wonderful welcome everywhere she goes in Saskatchewan. The young people are so anxious to know her and are trying to rally to her wishes.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for December

Christmas Story

MRS. A. R. RIDDELL

JUST two days until Christmas! Alan lay in his cozy little bed and thought about the first Christmas day. He was looking out of the window at a bright star and he wondered if that star had guided the Wise Men. He thought of the Wise Men and of the long and perilous journey they had taken to lay their gifts at the feet of the King. Oh, how I wish, thought he, that I too had a precious gift to offer to the King.

For a long time Alan lay looking at the star and wondering if he had anything he could give. His toys were broken, his books soiled, but he had a little money, it was the most precious thing he had—that would be his gift to the King. He crept out of bed, tip-toed to his drawer and got his little purse out. Twenty-five cents! He hadn't thought that he had quite so much. He would take it to the store in the morning and have it changed into a lovely silver quarter. He crept back again to bed and went to sleep.

Next day Alan changed his money. He was so proud and happy that he whistled as he ran home. On his way, as he stopped in front of the

window of a toy shop to look at all the lovely things displayed, he noticed a little boy and girl very poorly dressed standing hand in hand and gazing in too. "Oh Sally," said the little boy, "don't you wish Santa Claus could bring even one present to our house this year? Mother says we are too poor for him to come at all." Alan fingered his quarter, then he pulled it out and thrust it into the little boy's hand and calling "Merry Christmas" ran quickly home.

Alan was very quiet that night amongst all the bustle of Christmas Eve. How could he be happy when he had no gift for the King? After he was tucked up in bed the tears started to come but he brushed them away for boys of nine mustn't cry. Then the door was pushed quietly open and his mother came in and sat down beside his bed. "Alan dear what is the trouble" she said, then he told her all that he had done and that now he had not a gift to offer to the King. "But Alan you have given your gift to the King and He has accepted it. Don't you remember that He said 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me'." "But, mother, the Wise Men took their gifts to the King." "Yes dear, but there are thousands of other wise men and boys too who God guides to people in need and they give their gifts to them and therefore to the King. I am sure He guided you to those children to-day and is pleased because you gave to them." Then she kissed him good-night and he turned over and



JEWISH CHILDREN AT GRIMSBY SUMMER CAMP

looked out of the window and saw the star shining brighter than ever and he was so happy for the star seemed to say "good-night, little boy, the King has accepted your gift."

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.—*Opening Hymn*—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing." *Bible Lesson*—Matthew 2:1-15. *Prayer. Roll Call. Business. Offering. Prayer. Hymn*—"Away in a Manger." *Study*—"Two Young Arabs", unless first three chapters have been studied. *Hymn*—"It came Upon the Midnight Clear." *Christmas Story*—(page 352). *Closing Hymn*—"O Come All Ye Faithful." *Lord's Prayer.*

NOTE: It has been suggested that the January Programme take the form of a review of the first three chapters, also that the leaders choose the remainder of programme.



PROVINCIAL NEWS



ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

MISS LAURA PELTON is now in Red Deer Presbytery. Miss Pelton is an acceptable and effective speaker, and her meetings have resulted in renewed zeal and inspiration. Her addresses to young people have been especially fine.

The Auxiliary and Mission Band of Strathcona Church, Edmonton, are working satisfactorily.

MacLeod Auxiliary held its 25th anniversary Oct. 12th. This Auxiliary had been organized Oct. 28th, 1901, by Miss Janet White, of the Central India Mission. Miss Muir, President for the past nine years, presided at the anniversary and gave a synopsis of the work. A Thank-offering, the largest ever taken, amounted to \$45.75. Rev. G. C. Wishart gave an interesting account of his first mission field in northern Quebec. The young people of the congregation contributed two numbers, one by ten girls, and the other by five girls in costume, representing different countries. Only one member was lost in the disruption of the Church, the Auxiliary now numbering 20 members.

North Hill Aux. reports its re-opening meeting Sept. 14th, one of the finest of the year, with three new members enrolled, 17 members, and a visitor present. Collection \$22.60. A special Thank-offering will be taken early in November at a church service. "Moslem Women" will be taken as a study book. Mite boxes have been distributed to several new Home Helpers. Mrs. McGorman gave an excellent paper on Dr. MacBeth's "Burning Bush."

Calgary Presbyterial sent \$297.40 for the General Fund between June 1st and August 31st. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary gave an encouraging report.

Carstairs has a Mission Band of 14 members, and a C.G.I.T. Group, under the leadership of Mrs. R. J. Chrystal.

Westmount Aux., Edmonton, presented a Life Membership and pin to a member, Miss Anderson, leaving to reside in Scotland. It has supplied a full year's outfit for an Indian boy, and, with the assistance of the S.S. and C.G.I.T., sent a parcel to Olds.

Vermilion Auxiliary and L.A. in the eight months since organization, has 12 very active members, and raised over \$100. They have sent \$22 for missions, and aided in paying the rent of the Baptist Church for services. "Moslem Women" is the study book.

A paper on Presbyterianism is on hand for exchange and may be had on application to the Prov. Press Secretary.

The Provincial Board Meeting has just been held and a very enjoyable one it was. Everyone enjoyed the evening meeting when Rev. Dr. McGillivray and Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant gave addresses.

The Treasurer reported receipts to Oct. 1st of \$2098.64.

Mrs. McQueen reported attending the H.M. Committee meeting of Synod, and the interest taken by the ministers in women's work.

Mrs. Kinnaird reported 18 Mission Bands and Mrs. Kinnear 96 Home Helpers, not including 7 more than last year, at Carstairs.

Miss Foote reported since March 1st, the names that had passed through her hands as approximately: Edmonton, 340 adults, 24 children; Red Deer, 200 adults, 77 children; Calgary 496 adults 37 children.

Mrs. Wilson reported 187 pounds literature, 12 new Bibles, 52 hymnals, and a pulpit Bible sent out, and a library now being collected.

Mrs. Gibson exhibited literature and maps in connection with missionary studies, and spoke of the lantern slides, now on hand.

In connection with the supply report the following resolution was passed: That applications for relief work be referred to the Red Cross or other organizations.

The Life Membership Secretary told of 7 new Life Members since January.

The Press Secretary reported the issuing of the *Monthly News Bulletin*. A resolution was passed authorizing its continuance to the end of the year, with the co-operation of the Synod, if they so desired.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Edmonton, probably in April. A gramophone has been donated to the McMurray Hospital.

New Auxiliaries have been formed at Cayley, Granum and Jumbo

Valley, Rocky Mountain House, Fort Saskatchewan and Brooksley; an Associate Society at Vermilion, and Mission Bands at Brooksley and Valley Centre since January.

Seventeen papers have been sent out by the Exchange Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT a well attended meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial held recently in Central Church, Vancouver, reports were received from all departments and were most encouraging. The Mission Band Secretary reported new Bands at Newton and Strawberry Hill.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, the newly appointed Deaconess under the Welcome and Welfare department, has entered upon her work and reports many new families to be called upon.

The President spoke in appreciation of the work done by Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor who has removed to New Brunswick. Mrs. Taylor, who will be greatly missed in mission circles in Vancouver, was made the recipient of several handsome presents in appreciation of her work.

The Provincial Board met on October 15th. Reports by the Secretaries showed steady progress in the work. The Auxiliaries are all busy holding their Thank-offering meetings and have much reason for thankfulness at the generous response and the continued evidence everywhere of the progress of our Church. New church buildings are being planned and the young people are being organized into splendid groups.

At a recent mass meeting of young people of the Westminster Presbyterial two hundred and fifty enthusiastic workers were present. Plans are in progress for a mass meeting of all the Auxiliaries in the Westminster Presbyterial.

ONTARIO

MRS. H. H. ALLEN, 112 BEDFORD ROAD, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

ONTARIO Provincial Board met in St. Paul's Ch., Bathurst St., Toronto, October 7th and 8th. Mrs. J. A. Milne, President, presided at all sessions, and in her opening remarks paid loving tribute to the three officers, who since our annual meeting, had been called to their reward, Mrs. R. F. Cameron, Georgetown, Mrs. G. M. Begg, Toronto, and Mrs. M. R. McEachern, London.

The roll call showed 18 Presbyterial Presidents and 27 Board officers present. The corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McCullough, reported a total of 976 Societies in the province. The Treasurer, Mrs. Thorburn, of Ottawa, reported the funds coming in, but it was felt expedient that

she and Miss Orr, Finance Secretary, send out a statement to all Presbyterial Treasurers, urging them in view of our work opening up very quickly now to make every effort to reach their allocation. All departmental secretaries brought encouraging reports.

Our beloved Honorary President closed Thursday's sessions with a very beautiful inspirational talk on the sufferings of Christ.

On Thursday morning, Mrs. Locheed, of Hamilton, drew us very close to the Master in her beautiful message on the prayer life of Jesus. Friday morning, Mrs. Ledingham of Harriston in her devotional message brought out clearly the attitude of "certain women and many others."

The brief but interesting Presbyterial reports and interchange of suggestions re methods of work was most helpful. Mrs. Inglis Grant, Council Candidate Secretary, and Miss M. Gray, Council C.G.I.T. Secretary, were the luncheon speakers.

Saugeen P.S.—An Executive meeting was held in Harriston, September 13th. Representatives from Harriston, Palmerston, Mt. Forest, Clifford, Holstein, Durham and Arthur were present. One new feature was the formation of an exchange department for the Presbyterial.

Brockville P.S.—An enthusiastic sectional meeting was held in South Mountain on August 27. Excellent papers on David Livingstone were given by Mrs. Bell of Kemptville, and Miss Gardner. A report of the Saskatoon meeting prepared by Mrs. Thorburn, of Ottawa, was read by Mrs. McRae. Mrs. Hill, of Ottawa, gave a wonderful account of the Provincial meeting, while Mrs. Riddell, Presbyterial President, spoke on Mission Band work. In the evening an impressive address was given by Rev. Wm. Merrilees of Iroquois on "The Missionary Motive."

Another sectional meeting was held at Caintown on September 8th. Mrs. Riddell spoke on our national and overseas work. Mrs. Johnstone, of Fairfield, gave a paper on "Prayer", and Mrs. Pelton, of Prescott, a report of the Provincial meeting. Every Auxiliary in the section was represented.

The Kemptville Auxiliary, at their meeting on September 14th, listened with keen appreciation to an address given by Miss Kellock, who spoke on deaconess and hospital work in our far west, giving most intimate details of the life and customs of our Indians and her experiences amongst the miners.

Kingston P.S.—Seventy delegates attended a Mission Band rally in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on July 6th. All reports indicated progress. Miss W. Ward and Miss G. Gunn conducted the morning devotions. Greetings were extended in a clever address by Master George Taylor, and Miss L. West of Madoc suitably replied.

Your Press Secretary wishes all those who have so faithfully sent in news, the joy and gladness of the Christmas time.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY
BOARD MEETING

THE semi-annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board was held in Montreal on October 19th. All but two members were present. Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President, was in the chair. Mrs. G. A. Grier, Sr., conducted the devotional exercises in the morning and members of the **Quebec P.S.** at the afternoon session. The departmental reports were most encouraging. Great progress has been made in the **Quebec P.S.**, due largely to the recent visit of our Field Secretary, Miss Lamont, who was accompanied on her itinerary by Mrs. Price.

The Y. W. Secretary reported 8 Young Women's Auxiliaries in the **Montreal P.S.**, an addition of 5 since March. Attention was drawn to the fact that, through some oversight, the reports of the Y. W. Auxiliaries were not printed in the Annual Report. An appeal from parents of young women at McGill and MacDonald Colleges, that missionary interests might be brought to their attention, was considered and a committee appointed to look into the question.

The Mission Band Secretary reported 17 Bands in **Montreal P.S.** and 5 in the **Quebec P.S.** A rally is being planned for the spring when a banner will be presented to the most successful Band. The need of Senior Mission Bands was stressed.

Home Helper Secretary reported an increase of 6 Auxiliaries having a Home Helper department, 23 Secretaries in all. **Montreal P.S.** has 441 Home Helpers and **Quebec P.S.** 187.

Welcome and Welfare Secretary reports 23 Secretaries, 20 in **Montreal P.S.**, 3 in **Quebec P.S.** Miss McArthur gave an interesting account of her port work and spoke gratefully of the help received from our new worker, Miss Munro.

One new Junior Membership was reported from the Sunbeam Mission Band, Beauharnois, and 16 new Life Members.

Supply work does not yet begin to fill the demand.

The Literature Secretary reported great increase in the amount sent out this year.

There are excellent original papers in the Exchange, but there is little call for them.

The Library Secretary reported good work done. Books and magazines should be sent to the Presbyterian College, McTavish St., where they will be classified and censored before distribution. The Board expressed its satisfaction in the appointment of Mr. Thom to French work and its willingness to co-operate in any way that may be deemed advisable.

The Treasurer's report was optimistic and the hope was voiced

that it might be possible not only to come up to our allocation but to exceed it.

The **Montreal P.S.** report a very pleasant gathering held in the Themis Club, September 2nd, when several of the ladies spent a social hour with Miss Stringer and Miss Whatling prior to their departure next day on the *Ansonia*. Dr. Scott, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, was present and gave a fine address to which Miss Stringer replied. Mrs. Potter also spoke of the pleasure it gave the ladies to meet our young missionaries, and bade them God speed. Miss Rhind, Literature Secretary, who had arranged this pleasant gathering, escorted them to their ship next morning and with several other ladies waited at the dock until the vessel sailed.

Officers of Quebec Provincial Board, and the Sub-Executive of the **Montreal P.S.** recently held a helpful conference, when problems and matters of local interest were discussed. Miss Iris Munro, our new Social Service worker in Montreal, was officially received.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JOHN SNOWDEN, 1115 AVE., B. NORTH, SASKATOON, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S. reports the St. Andrew's W.M.S. meetings at Saskatoon well attended and the members looking forward to the Thank-offering on November 11th, which will be the first meeting to be held in the new Church. Rev. W. G. Brown will be the special speaker. Splendid work is being done by members of this Society who visit the local hospitals also the Provincial Sanatorium.

North Battleford reports that they are using "Prayer and Missions" and the members have been contributing splendid papers. The allocation for supplies for this Presbyterial has been fully met.

It is expected that the School Home at Saskatoon will be ready for occupation by Christmas.

Moose Jaw P.S. reports sending \$210.90 to the Provincial Treasurer for the first quarter of 1926, and \$246.21 for the second quarter. St. Paul's Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, sent \$20.00 for the first quarter, and \$44.05 for the second, which far exceeds the amount of previous years. They have a larger and more enthusiastic Auxiliary than formerly and feel that if their work moves forward as rapidly in the months to come as it has in the past, success is assured. Knox Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, is doing good work and expresses thankfulness for the splendid co-operation received from the women of our Church.

Pambrum held a very successful meeting on September 19th and presented Miss Anna Brell, daughter of their President, with a Bible, she having decided to become a Home Missionary on the conclusion of

her training at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto. The offering amounted to \$11.55.

Swift Current.—The interest in St. Andrew's Auxiliary is well maintained and, although small, the meetings are very encouraging, due to the earnestness of the members and their willingness to help. Until special fields of work have been assigned the Presbyterian Church, the life of Mary Slessor has been studied and very interesting papers have been prepared by the members.

Briercrest.—After the vote on Church Union was taken in May 1925, the Presbyterian W.M.S. was re-organized with a membership of sixteen which has since increased. During the first year sufficient money was raised to make six Life Members apart from collections. "Prayer and Missions" was the study book used at the meetings.

We are greatly encouraged to learn of the welcome that Miss Scott is receiving in the different parts of the province, and of the success of her efforts in every branch of the work. We feel that the interest will grow as she goes from place to place.

The month of January has been chosen as Presbyterial month in Saskatchewan.

Parkview Ladies' Auxiliary, Saskatoon, continued their meetings during the summer months to stimulate interest in the work. The July meeting took the form of an "At Home" to which every woman in the congregation received a special invitation. Our Provincial and Presbyterial Presidents addressed the women in the interests of the missionary cause and strongly urged every woman in the congregation to become a member. At the social hour which followed many who were strangers spoke of the benefit they had received and the enlightenment in the missionary cause.

The new St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, was opened on October 3rd when impressive services were conducted by Rev. Dr. MacQueen, of Edmonton. The women who have been holding their meetings in their homes, hope for greater results now that they have their Church home.

Christmas

*The day returns by which we date our years,
Day of the joy of living—that means hope,
Day of the joy of giving—that means love,
Day of the Royal Child—and day that brings
To older hearts the gift of Christmas tears.*

—VAN DYKE.

Life Members

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES

- Alberta.**—Mrs. R. J. E. Gardiner, Maclead.
British Columbia.—Mrs. G. Sinclair Smith, 244 17th Ave. W., Vancouver.
Manitoba.—Mrs. Andison, 191 Sherbrooke St., Winnipeg.
Ontario.—Mrs. A. U. Campbell, 24 Baxter St., Chatham.
Quebec.—Miss E. M. Doull, 827 St. Antoine St., Montreal.
Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Farley, 2119 Albert St., Regina.

For Life Membership Pins apply to Miss Parsons, Room 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. Gold pins \$2.50, silver pins 75c. Money must accompany all orders.

LIFE MEMBERS

Alberta Provincial.—

Miss Acheson, Three Hills Aux.; Mrs. John McRitchie, Stratheona Aux.; Miss Mary Anderson, Westmount Aux., Edmonton; Miss Margaret Scott and Mrs. Harry Fraser, St. Andrew's Aux., Lethbridge.

LIFE MEMBER

British Columbia Provincial.—

Mrs. Robert MacKay, St. Andrew's Aux., Kamloops.

LIFE MEMBERS

Manitoba Provincial.—

Miss Annie Innes and Mrs. J. Chapman, All People's Mission, Selkirk; Mrs. Digby Wheeler, St. James Aux., Winnipeg; Mrs. James Andrew, Morden Aux.

A correction from September "Glad Tidings."—The names listed under Life Members should have been Junior Members.

LIFE MEMBERS

Ontario Provincial.—

Mrs. J. E. Armstrong, Miss Kate O'Brien, Scott Aux., St. John's Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Joseph Wasson, Mrs. A. H. Rogers, Mrs. Peter Thomson, Miss Christina F. Henderson, Calvin Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Donald Gray, Mrs. E. D. Harton, Afternoon, Eglington and Bedford Park, Toronto; Mrs. A. I. Jannet, Mr. J. W. Beattie, Mrs. Janet Johnston, "Janet Geggie" Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Hilda Joy Maitland, appointed to India, "Janet Geggie" and "Sloan" Aux's., Parkdale, Toronto; Miss Arabella Davidson, Mrs. Robert Brown, Miss Catherine E. McNicol, Mrs. J. Lewis Orme, Mrs. John McNicol, Gordon MacLeod Pitts of Montreal, Mrs. Gordon MacLeod Pitts of Montreal, Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Mrs. Herman H. Pitts, Mrs. Norman G. Guthrie, Miss Sophia M. Hannum, Miss Margaret Flora MacLeod, St. Andrew's Aux., Ottawa; Miss Helen Millar, Cardinal Aux.; Mrs. Charles W. Leonard, New St. James Aux., London; Edith M. McCaughan, Effie J. McCaughan, Mrs. D. MacDonald, Miss Sara Carson, Y. W. Aux., Cooke's, Toronto; Miss Ena MacLeod, St. Paul's Aux., Mrs. J. E. Riddell, Jr., St. Paul's Jr. Aux., Hamilton; Mrs. P. Dickinson, Knox Aux., Windsor; Mrs. Robert Cerr, Miss Effie Murray, Niagara-on-the-Lake Aux.; Mrs. Harold Berney, Caledon East Aux.; Mrs. E. T. Gilmore, Port Elgin Aux.; Mrs. Robert Goodall, Woodbridge Aux.; Miss Margaret Cowan, Mrs. E. M. Gamble (of Paris) Preston Aux.; Mrs. James Jack, New St. Andrew's Aux., Dover Ch., Chatham; Mrs. Charles Launt, St. John's Aux., Cornwall; Mrs. J. E. Laughlin, Mrs. A. L. Hamilton, Mrs. William Tuckey, Mrs. G. D. Mc-

Pherson, Mrs. Hugh McSween, Mrs. George White, Mrs. C. O. Trusler, Miss Rachel Bowman, St. Andrew's Aux., Windsor; Mrs. Walter Curtis, St. Paul's Aux., Port Hope; Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mrs. H. M. Lackner, Mrs. A. Lockhart, Mrs. H. J. Sims, Mrs. D. W. Walker, Mrs. M. A. Loth, Mrs. G. Taylor Munro, St. Andrew's Aux., Kitchener; Miss Jean Gilchrist, "Sloan" Aux., Parkdale, Toronto; Mrs. John T. Bradley, Robertson Aux., Knox, St. Catharines; Miss Annie Davidson, St. Andrew's Aux., Kingston; Mrs. James A. Mills, St. Andrew's Aux., Belleville; Mrs. John Thompson, Knox Aux., Vaughan; Miss May Smith, Good Hope Aux., Chatham; Mrs. Eleanor M. Lindsay, Walkerton Aux.; Mrs. Wm. Isbister, Mrs. H. M. Kalbfleisch, Runnymede Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Hosea McMillan, Finch Aux.; Mrs. William Daley, Smith's Falls Aux.; Mrs. J. S. Martin, Hamilton Aux.; Mrs. C. F. Hunt, "Laurel" M. Circle, St. John's, Hamilton; Miss Annie Suckling, Mrs. Thomas Magee, Wallace Aux., Cooke's, Toronto; Mrs. F. G. Vesey, Y. W. Aux., Dovercourt Rd., Toronto; Mrs. Georgina Bowman, Knox Aux., Hamilton; Mrs. Samuel Biggs, Mrs. H. E. Johnston, Queen St. E. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Alexina Oliphant, Y. W. Aux., Calvin Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Edgar Foreman, Morningside Aux., Toronto; Mrs. William Johnston, Mrs. William Quartz, Mrs. Albert Edgerton, Rev. C. G. Graham, Winchester Aux.; Mrs. Alexander Grant, Mrs. A. S. Fortune, Walkerton Aux.; Mrs. Peter Hay, St. Andrew's Aux., Thorold; Mrs. James McNeil, St. Andrew's Aux., Maple; Miss Beth Webb, St. John's Aux., Hamilton.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Mary McKinnon Campbell, Florence Jean McColl, "Milloy" M. B., Knox Ch., West Lorne; Dorothy J. MacDougall, Freda A. MacDougall, South Kinloss, Lucknow; Robert Earl Pitt, Norman Inkerman Kenney, George Owen Toller, "Willing Workers," Fort Coulonge; Marjorie Aleatha Ellison, "Carry On" M. B., Thamesville; Donald Kitchener McDonald, "Coral" M. B., Toronto; Donald Glendon Ellsworth MacNeil, Alexander Norman MacLeod, Skye Aux., "Young Crusaders" M. B., Dunvegan; Janet Philips Macdonnell, Y. W. Aux., St. Andrew's, Kingston; Margaret Anderson, Riverdale "Busy Bees" M. B., Toronto.

A correction.—Margaret Carr, Irene Bergman, Marjorie Henderson, the "Lily Robertson" M. B., Knox Ch., Walkerton, by error reported under Paisley in September *Glad Tidings*.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. Thomas H. Steele, by her daughters, Mrs. R. J. Watson of Nashville and Mrs. J. A. Gorrell of Winnipeg, Nashville Aux.; Mrs. David Robert Keith, by her daughters, Mrs. J. D. Grant and Miss Agnes Keith, Smith's Falls Aux.; Mrs. John H. Dewar, by her sister, Miss Jessie Masson, St. Andrew's Aux., Ottawa; Mrs. Agnes Folliett, by her daughters, Misses Folliett, Scott Aux., St. John's Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Hugh Masson, by Mrs. A. I. Garvock, Knox Aux., Ottawa; Miss Ada Allyn, by the "Star" M. B., Knox Ch., Leamington, to the Allyn family.

LIFE MEMBERS

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

Miss Mary Adair, Nokomis Aux.; Mrs. R. C. Nairn, Heward Aux.; Mrs. E. R. Grace, Last Mountain Aux.; Mrs. David Webster, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Saskatoon.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Dinsmore Aux.

Regina P.S.—Carnduff Aux.; Moosomin Aux.

OMITTED FROM ANNUAL REPORT

Young Women's Auxiliaries	No. of Members	Amt. raised for Missions
MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL (P. 133)		
Athelstan.—Mrs. Harold McCaffery; Miss Vera MacFarlane; Mrs. D. F. Grant, Glenelm, Que.	15	\$ 95.66
Huntingdon.—Mrs. Archie McGregor; Miss Beatrice Pringle; Miss Ada M. Barrington, Huntingdon, Que.	10	
Montreal.—Knox Crescent, "Agnes Dickson", Miss Grace Gardner; Miss C. Leitch; Miss Helen Cockfield, 1030 Fairmount Ave., Outremont	30	147.44
Montreal.—Outremont, "MacVicar Memorial", Mrs. Detweiler; Miss Alice Hunter; Miss Marion I. Campbell, 2561 St. Urbain St., Montreal	16	53.33
	71	\$296.43
KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL (P. 104)		
Picton.—Miss Bernice Reid; Miss Catherine Hunt; Miss Leila Hurlbut, Picton		41.00
Kingston.—St. Andrew's Senior, Miss Fairlie; Miss M. Hendry; Miss L. McCullough, 227 Collingwood Street		193.25
Kingston.—St. Andrew's Junior, Mrs. Penwarden; Miss Helen Kelly; Miss Doris Bruce, 420 Albert St., Kingston		18.00
		\$252.25

Kingston P.S.—The Y. W. Secretary is now Mrs. Barlowe, Box 943, Trenton. In the Annual Report, St. Andrew's Ch., Belleville, is credited with a Y.W.A. This is an Auxiliary, and was inadvertently reported under both headings.

Mission Bands	No. of Members	Amt. raised for Missions
BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL (P. 78)		
Brandon.—First, Miss P. McDonald, Miss Ella McBain, Brandon		
Brandon.—St. Andrew's, Miss P. Campbell, Miss Enid Blockwell, 411 Russell St., Brandon	30	\$ 36.64
*Carberry Presbyterial.		
Forrest.—Mrs. C. White, Master Murray Walkins, Forrest	13	94.00
Hartney.—Junior, Miss Evelyn Agnew, Miss Reta Sutherland, Hartney	30	18.00
Hartney.—Senior, Mrs. S. McGill		
Melita.—Miss Isobel Fraser, Box 227, Melita		15.00
Wellwood.—Mrs. H. Graham, Miss Ethel Mackie		
		\$163.64

*Organized in 1926.

CORRECTIONS.

Barrie P.S.—Midland Auxiliary should be credited with \$526.28 instead of \$60.00.
 Toronto P.S.—Calvin Ch. Mission Band should be credited with 44 members and \$105.00 contributions, instead of 30 members and \$9.00 contributions. Glebe Ch. Mission Band should be credited with the 30 members and contributions of \$9.00.

British Columbia Provincial Officers.—Mrs. George Ellis takes the place of Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor. The Costume Secretary is Mrs. J. Alex. Wilson.
 Saskatchewan Provincial Treasurer is Mrs. A. Munro, not Mrs. A. Munn.
 Mrs. J. Snowden, Press Secretary's address is 1115 Ave. B-North Saskatoon, not 111.
 Page 145: paragraph XV "page 11" should read "see pages 153-159";
 paragraph XVI "page 5" should read "page 148."
 Page 146: paragraph XXII "see page 17" should read "page 159."

Treasurer's Statement

October 30th, 1926

RECEIPTS

Flint, Mich., Miss I Mac-	
Donald "Work at North	
Bay"	\$ 30.00
A Friend "Xmas Gifts	
for Bhil Children" ..	10.00
Refund on Library Ac-	
count	10.15
Provincial givings:	
British Columbia	450.00
Ontario	6,000.00
Manitoba	463.00
Quebec	1,300.00
Saskatchewan	575.75
	\$8,838.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Chinese Work in Canada	\$ 534.99
South China	1,038.29
India	1,259.62
Social Service	1,005.21
Fort McMurray Hospital	140.00
South Porcupine Hospital	389.17
New Liskeard School Home	156.65
Saskatoon School Home	10,000.00
Library Dept.	6.85
Candidate	2.90
Publication	368.56
Organization	455.46
Administration	1,352.98
	\$16,710.68

FINANCIAL SURVEY, OCTOBER 30th, 1926

Credit Balance, September 30th, 1926	\$74,078.42	
Receipts	8,838.90	
Disbursements		\$16,710.68
General Savings		40,539.35
Pension Fund		2,801.42
Sustaining Fund		15,811.36
Legacy Fund		500.00
Credit Balance		6,554.51
	\$82,917.32	\$82,917.32
	(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,	
	Treasurer.	

Form of Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., the sum of

to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.



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1926-1927 STUDY BOOKS AND HELPS

Adults	Supplemental Books on the subject of Islam
Moslem Women, by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Zwemer, paper 60c. cloth \$.85	Lands of the Minaret \$.60
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